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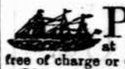

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2nd	"	The Novice Plate	2 45 "
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CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

Bombay, 3rd February, 1899.

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Bombay, the 1st of February, 1899.

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Bombay, 3rd February, 1899.

NOTICE.

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CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

Bombay, 3rd February, 1899.

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Bombay Light Horse parade for divine service, 3-15 p.m.

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POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Singapore, China, and Japan per extra s. s. "Peshawar" will be closed at the General Post Office at 6-30 P.M. on Wednesday the 8th instant.

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THE Pathare Prabhu Social Samaj—A meeting of condolence of the Pathare Prabhu Samaj will be held in the Prabhu Seminary, this evening, at 4 o'clock, to express feelings of sorrow at the untimely death of Mr. Ganpatrao Vishwanath Jayakar, one of the founders of the Samaj.

SUCCESS.—Mr. Dinshaw Pestonji Ghadiali, electrician, the well-known lecturer on scientific and social subjects has been awarded the diploma of M. D. by the Medical College of the State of Illinois, U. S. A. Dr. Dinshaw has passed his examination as a specialist on the Brain and the Genital System.

THEOSOPHICAL LECTURE.—A public lecture will be delivered next week by Mr. Dinshaw Pestonji Ghadiali electrician in English at the Blavatzky Lodge, Theosophical Society, Bombay Branch 37, Hornby Road, Fort, tomorrow at 6 p. m. Subject: The Telephone, the Telegraph and the Etheral Medium.

FIRE AT PAREL.—A fire broke out on Thursday afternoon in a jowlee but at Golamgot Hill, in the village of Parel, and in a short time the shed together with five other similar dwellings was destroyed before any assistance could be rendered. The fire originated by a spark flying from the fire place on to the roof of the hut, which was in the occupation of one Natha Dhunnis, a Municipal sweeper. The damage is estimated at Rs. 142.

VICTORIA JUBILEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.—A public lecture will be delivered in the hall of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, Bombay, on Monday, at 4 p.m, by Dr. H. K. Tavaria B Sc. A I E E. Member of the Society of Arts, London, on Indian Coal being the second part of the lectures on Physico-Chemical Principles in the Everyday Practice of Mechanical and Textile Engineering. The lecture is open to the public, the admission being by cards, to be obtained on application to the Principal of the Institute, or the lecturer.

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PARTIAL COLLAPSE OF A HOUSE.—On Thursday afternoon, the side wall, measuring fifteen feet by nine feet on the second floor of a house at 12th Lane Kamatipoora, suddenly collapsed, bringing with it the whole of the verandah on the front side. The house belonged to one Alimahomed Haji Ismail of Memon Moholla, The cause of the collapse has been the rotten condition of the timber works of the house. The building was in the occupation of about fifty tenants, but fortunately they were away at their work when the accident happened. The Municipal authorities have been informed of the occurrence.

THE BAND AT THE MAHALUXMI RACES.—The Band of the 21st Bombay Infantry will play the following programme of music this evening, under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandaine Band Master' commencing at 3-30 p.m.:—

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Selection	Mikado ..... Sullivan
Valse	Estudiantina ..... Waldteufel

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

POSSESSING SHORT WEIGHTS.—At the Masagon Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. S. B. Spencer, two Mahomedan butchers named Mowlana Ebrahim and Oosman Boiden were charged by Inspector Gannon with possessing and using short weights. The accused keep their stalls in the Null Bazaar Butcher's market. On the evening of the 30th ultimo in consequence of certain information received Inspector Gannon proceeded to the market and examined the weights. He found eight weights in the stallof the first accused and two in the second, short. Accused pleaded guilty and were fined Rs 20 and Rs 5 respectively.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A HINDU LAD.—Rowji Sowji a Hindu lad, aged six years, residing with his parents at Nowroji Hill, was on the 27th January playing on the verandah of the residence, when he accidentally fell striking his head against a step. The boy sustained two bleeding wounds on the head. He was not removed to the hospital, but the parents treated him at home with some household remedies. Four days after symptoms of tetanus supervened, and the lad died on Thursday. His body was taken to the Tank Bunder Cemetery, where the cemetery clerk stopped the cremation of the body and informed the police. Mr. Allan F. Turner, the Coroner, held an inquiry yesterday, at the Tank Bunder Cemetery on view of the body of the deceased. The jury brought in a verdict of accidental death.

AN UNPROVOKED ASSAULT.—Before Mr. S. B. Spencer, Acting Fourth Presidency Magistrate at the Mazagon Police Court yesterday Inspector Gannon charged Syid Ali Syid Mustafa, a Mahomedan, with causing hurt to one Yeas bin Kadur, a dealer in Arab horses, at Belasis Road, At 9 o'clock on Tuesday night complainant was standing at the Two Tanks, talking with a friend, when the accused came from behind and struck him a blow with a big stick on the head, inflicting a wound on the head. Complainant was stunned and he fell down. The police appeared and arrested the accused. Accused in his defence said that as he was on his way home, complainant caught hold of his coat and stopped him. Accused was convicted and fined Rs. 20, with the alternative of fifteen days rigorous imprisonment. The amount of fine, which was paid, was ordered to be given to the complainant as compensation.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending, at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	2	2	19
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	21	2	35
C Market, Bhobi Talao, Fanaswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khana Talao and Khumbharwada	30	6	26
D Khetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi	3	1	13
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	13	12	44
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	4	4	17
G Mahim and Worli	4	3	15
Water Division	0	0	4
Non-Resident and Unknown ...	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	51	56
Total	83	81	227
Total plague deaths to date ...	33,332	29,567	
Same date last year	176	135	235

FOUND DEAD ON THE ROAD.

The dead body of a Hindu, name unknown, aged about thirty-six years, was found lying on Pulton Road on Thursday. The District Medical Officer examined the body and certified it to be a case of plague. Tookaram Daji, a labourer, aged thirty years, having no fixed place of residence, was found lying dead on Thursday at Umarkhadi. The Medical Officer pronounced the death to be due to plague. A third dead body, that of a Hindu named Sonoo Govind, aged fifty years, a mendicant, was found at Kumbharwada 4th Lane. The death was attributed to plague. Vithoo Dhakoo, a Hindu, aged thirty-five years, residence unknown, was found lying ill on the Reay Road by policeman No. 120E. The District Medical Officer examined the patient and ordered his removal to the Maratha Plague Hospital. The man died before the ambulance reached the destination.

DAMAUN.

There was one death in a mandwa on the sea-shore on Wednesday from plague at Lower Damaun, that of a Machi girl whose mother died of plague at Ghati Vad on the 29th ultimo and who thereupon with her young brother, in the absence of their father on a voyage, were removed to the mandwa, the Plague Commissioner bearing the expenses of maintaining them.

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JUDICIAL SEPARATION.

ELIZABETH WATKINS vs. WILLIAM WATKINS.

AT the High Court, yesterday, the Hon. Mr. Justice Fulton heard the petition of Elizabeth Watkins, wife of William Watkins, an Artificer Serjeant employed in the Bombay Arsenal and residing in Town Barracks. Mr. Raikes, instructed by Messrs. Smetham, Bland and Noble, appeared for the petitioner. There was no appearance for respondent.

The petitioner stated that she was, on 9th July, 1894, married to William Watkins at St. Thomas' Cathedral, Bombay. After her marriage she lived with her husband and had issue, two children, Mary and Alice, aged respectively three years and eight months and two years. Shortly after their marriage, the respondent commenced to ill-treat her, and she had to leave with her children and reside with her aunt. In November and December, 1897, and in March 1898, in Bombay, and in June, 1898, in Deolali, and on other occasions, he assaulted her and beat her. In the month of July, 1898 the respondent turned petitioner and her children out of the house on two occasions, Petitioner was treated with great unkindness and cruelty and he frequently in violent and offensive language abused her, violently assaulted her and struck her on the head. By reason of continued ill-treatment her health had been greatly injured. In consequence of her husband's ill-treatment and threats she had on diverse occasions been compelled to leave her house and seek protection of her relatives and friends. Petitioner prayed that she may be judicially separated from the respondent, that the may have the custody of the children, and that her husband may be decreed to pay her a sufficient sum out of his pay for the support of herself and children.

Mrs. Elizabeth Watkins, examined by Mr. Kirkpatrick, said she was married in July, 1894. Her husband is an Artificer Serjeant in the Ordnance Department and receives a salary of Rs. 256 per month. About 1896 her husband began to ill-treat her. He abused her and struck her, but not severely. In May, 1897, she was told by the doctors to go to Deolali, and her husband arranged for quarters for her. But when she asked him for money he refused to give it and struck her on the face, the blow leaving a mark. On her return from Deolali she found her husband very bad. He drank very much and he did not know what he was doing. His conduct towards her became worse and he threw chairs, glasses &c., at her. She went for a few days to Colaba, but returned home receiving a chit from him. He was quiet for a few days but subsequently he ill-treated her very often. In May 1898 her husband struck her with his fist on the eye and knocked her down. In May 1898 she left his protection, as she was constantly ill treated. She attributed the cause of her illness to the constant worrying of her husband. She was ordered a long rest by the doctor, and thereupon she went to stay at Deolali for two months. In the beginning of June he came to Deolali and asked her to return with him. He stopped at Deolali for a day, in the afternoon, and left to go to Bombay, and from Bombay she went to Poona, where she stayed with him for a few days. On the 11th November last, on seeing them again, he went and seized the Hindu and took him to the Fort police station, the other two escaping. He made over the Hindu to the havildar Dadoo Meya, who took him inside the chowkey, where the jemadar, No. 1, was making enquiries. No. 2 was seen at the other door. By Dadoo Meya's direction, witness went and sat near a Hindu's shop under a tree. He sat there two hours, and then left by Dadoo Meya's order. The next morning witness sailed away from Bombay. He was in Goa till a policeman came and fetched him here.

In cross-examination, Mr. Inverarity asked the witness about the different statements he had made before Mr. Holdway, before the coroner, and before the magistrate, in order to show the discrepancies that were apparent in his evidence.

Ramjee Tatoo, a lance naik in the Bombay police, said he was present in the Fort police station on the 11th November last, when No. 1 examined Pandoo Vithu inside the chowkey. No. 2 also came to the chowkey and went upstairs again. While the Ghattee (Pandoo Vithu) was sitting, witness saw Bhanji, a barred door the accused No. 1 kick him whilst he was making enquirees. The Ghattee cried out "Ahe, ahe" and fell down. By order of No. 1 witness went out to pay some money to a Parsee and returned to the chowkey. He then saw the dead body of the Ghattee lying in the verandah of the chowkey. Three other persons besides the two accused were present there. A rekla had been brought there, and by order of No. 1, witness put the body into the rekla and took it to the Jamlas Hospital. The two accused instructed witness to tell the doctor at the hospital that the man in the rekla was found lying ill in the footpath at Frere Road. A native doctor at the hospital examined the man's eyes, and said he was dead. Another doctor, an East Indian, then came and examined the body and ordered witness to take it to the morgue. As witness was going in the rekla, he met the two accused, who were in a victoria. One of the head-quarters police officers, in answer to No. 2, witness said that the doctor had ordered the dead body to be removed to the morgue. He said "Go quickly." Near Khetwady, No. 1 came up in a victoria, and told witness to follow him quickly. He got into the Mahars' locality

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, FEB. 3.

THE reports from the cotton growing districts have continued to be of a favourable character during the past week, the cotton now arriving at most of the district marts, and the weather throughout the area being favourable because seasonable. The enquiry from shippers and the mills for the staple has not been a very full one, and prices have been steady. Wheat and Seeds have been quiet but steady; rates show a tendency to move up. In Exchange there has not been any change in the quotations for Bank or Private Paper. The money market is easy, an active demand prevailing. Government Paper has advanced 5-16 per cent for 3 1-2 per Cents, and 1-2 per cent for Threes. There has been a good demand for Freights both for ready and forward lines. Imports are quiet and steady in tone.

MONEY.—The Bank of Bombay weekly Return issued on Monday showed the following changes:—

Public Deposits at the Head Office	Inc.	Rs.	1,50,358
" " " Branches	Inc.	"	8,99,717
Other " "	Inc.	"	7,03,053
Government Securities	Dec.	"	1,38,674
Other authorised "	Dec.	"	1
Loans	Inc.	"	4,111
Bills Discounted and Purchased	Dec.	"	78,939
Balances with other Banks	Inc.	"	27,856
Cash	Inc.	"	12,51,321

During last week there was a further increase in the Cash Balance of the Presidency Bank amounting to 12 1-2lakhs, at some 146 1-2 lakhs, as against an increment in the week preceding of 16 3-4 lakhs, at 133 3-4 lakhs. To Private Deposits there was an addition of 7 lakhs; Public Deposits at the Branches were nearly 9 lakhs greater, but at the Head Office they fell away to the extent of 1 1-2 lakh. Government Securities increased by 1 1-4 lakhs and Bills Discounted and Purchased by 3-4 lakh.

The Statement of the Affairs of the Bank, as on 28th January 1899:—

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
Capital	1,00,00,000
Reserve Funds	29,09,000
Public Deposits at Head Office	35,50,739
Do. do. at Branches	29,40,531
Other Deposits	3,29,84,700
Post Bills	8,919
Credits undrawn	15,31,289
	Rs... 5,81,22,238

ASSETS.

	Rs.
Government Securities	1,05,93,858
Other authorised Securities	34,79,073
Credits on Government and other authorised Securities	54,85,532
Loans on do. do. do.	1,23,87,499
Bills Discounted and Purchased	1,13,49,449
Dead Stock	4,16,720
Stamps and Stationery	28,563
Balances with other Banks	2,41,054
Cash	1,46,40,490
Rs.....	5,36,22,233

Meanwhile the market has been easy in presence o a fairly full demand. The Bank of Bombay rate is 7 per cent, and that in the open market 6 per cent.

EXCHANGE.—At opening last Saturday the marketf was steady in tone at 1s. 4 3-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 4 1-4d. for three month's sight Credits, with very little business reported either way. On Monday 1s. 4 3-32d. was quoted for Bank Telegraphic and Demand. and 1s. 4 1-4d. for three month's sight Credits. The latter were scarce, and for Bank Paper there was but little enquiry; Bank Demand was available at 1s. 4 1-8d. The market was steady on Tuesday at 1s 4 3-32d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 4 1-8d. for Demand, and 1s. 4 1-4d. for three month's sight credits. There was very little enquiry for Bank remittance, and Mercantile Bills continued scarce. Rates were given on Wednesday at 1s. 4 3-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 4 1-4d. for three month's sight Credits, and remained threat througout the day without any business of importance reported either way, Yesterday the market was quiet in tone at 1s, 4 3-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s, 4 9-32d. for three months sight Credits, no business having been reported. The market continued quiet to-day at 1s. 4 3-32d for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1 4 1-4d for three months' sight Credits. A moderate amount of the latter was reported; and a little Bank Demand was obtained at 1s 4 1-8d, at which rate there was a strong enquiry. Tee market closes quiet as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand	1s. 4 3-32d.	per rupee.
Credits 3 months' sight	1s. 4 1-4d.	"
Francs	1/71	"

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—At mailday the market opened with a steady feeling at 98 1-4 for money, for 3 1-2 per cents, 98 5-16 for Account, and 89 for 3 per cent. Rates were steady on Monday at 98 1-4 for cash, and 98 11-16 for the settlement, with 87 for Threes. On Tuesday 98 5-16 was quoted for cash, for 3 1-2 per cents, 98 9-16 for the settlement, and 88, nominal, for 3 per cents, in a steady market. There was a strong feeling in the marked on Wednesday when 99 11-16 was named for money, for 3 1-2 per cents, and 98 9-16 for Account; Threes nominally advanced to 89. Yesterday quotations were given at 98 9-16 and 98 11-16 for money and Account, respectively, for 3 1-2 per cents; Threes declined to 87. The market has been steady in tone to-day at 98 11-16 for money, for 3 1-2 per cents, and 98 13-16 for Account, wita 88 1-2, nominal, for Threes.

SHARES.—There has been a somewhat neglected feeling in this market, and prices, as compared with last Friday's show an advance of Rs. 15 each, in Central India, and Currimbhoy; of Rs. 5, in Manecjee Petit; of Rs. 2 1-2, in David; and a decline of Rs. 15, each in China, and Jezraj Baboo; of Rs. 10, in Queen; of Rs. 5 each, in Coimbatore, and Coorla; and of Rs. 2 1-2 in Mayagaon. In Presses, Khandesh gains are Rs. 10 higher; Ahmedabad Cawnpore, Mofussil, and Surat City, Rs. 5 each. In Miscellaneous shares, Bombay Dock have advanced Rs. 6, and Port Canning Rs. 5. In Railways, Tapti Valley, are Rs. 4 lower, Bank of Bengal shares are Rs. 20 higher.

IMPORTS.

PIECE GOODS.—There has been a further decrease in business during the week owing, it is currently reported, to the plague holding on its course. Though dealers are not flying the epidemic by leaving Bombay for outstations, purchasers from up-country are not coming to Bombay in the same numbers, the epidemic (which, we would remark parenthetically, compares favourably with last year's visitation) being the stated reason. Prices for Grey Goods are the same as before, although slight weakness has been apparent in some directions. Bleached, Dyed, Turkey-Red, and printed goods are unchanged, rates remaing stationary. Locally-made Goods are in moderate demand. The clearances of Imported goods from the bazaar during the week have been some 3,000 packages, and of Local about 1,300 bales.

YARNS.—There has been a weaker feeling in this market, with a moderate enquiry. Official quotations are as follows:—

Twist	No. 8s	Mule,	Ass.	3	to	3 1-2 per lb.
"	" 8s	"	"	3 1-8	"	3 5-8 "
"	" 10s	"	"	3 1-2	"	4 11-16 "
"	" 12s	"	"	3 5-8	"	4 3-4 "
"	" 16s	"	"	4	"	4 13-16 "
"	" 20s	"	"	4 1-4	"	5 "
"	" 24s	"	"	4 3-4	"	5 1-2 "
"	" 30s	"	"	6	"	6 1-2 "
"	" 40s	"	"	7	"	7 1-2 "

Exports of Country-made yarns from Bombay to China and Japan from the year 1877 to 1898.

Period		To China (Bales of 400lbs each).	To Japan (Bales of 400lbs each).	Total Bales.
1st Jan. to 31st Dec.	1877...	28,316	141	28,638
Do	1878...	45,933	1,745	47,678
Do	1879..	43,330	4,842	50,373
Do	1880..	63,194	4,527	67,721
Do	1881..	67,782	7,378	69,161
Do	1882..	81,414	9,854	91,268
Do	1883..	94,382	17,421	112,403
Do	1884..	127,318	13,846	141,164
Do	1885..	154,917	19,020	173,537
Do	1886..	193,477	20,543	219,920
Do	1887...	205 158	39,730	244,888
Do	1888...	234,071	52,647	286,718
Do	1889...	254,497	62,220	316,917
Do	1890..	325,060	37,722	362,782
Do	1891...	365,038	10,939	375,977
Do	1892..	383,771	2,145	417,916
Do	1893..	297,572	14,198	311,770
Do	1894..	338,733	10,743	349 446
Do	1895..	371,119	2,515	376,634
Do	1896..	471,023	2,467	473,490
Do	1897...	361,221	615	361,836
Do	1898..	437,643	475	438,120

METALS.—Yellow Metal and Braziers' Copper have advanced Rs. 2 each, to Rs. 46 and Rs. 56 per cwt., respectively; Swedish Bar Iron is unchanged at Rs 154 per candy.

COAL.—Sales have been reported during the week of some ready "Bengal Deshagur" at Rs. 15 per ton, and "Bird's Navigation" at Rs. 13 3-4. A line of "Deshagur," for September December delivery, was placed at Rs. 14; and "Cardiff" was sold at Rs. 18 to Rs. 17-14-0 for March and April shipment. The market closes steady though quiet. We quote along side:—

	Ready.	Forward.
Welsh Hartley	Nil.	Nil.
West "	Rs. 17 1-4 per ton,	Rs. 16 3-4 per ton.
Australian	Nil.	Nil.
Powell's	Rs. 20 1-2 per ton,	Rs. 18 1-4 per ton.
Cardiff	Rs. 20 1-2 "	Rs. 18 1-4 "
Japan	Nil.	Nil.
Singareni	Rs. 13 1-2 per ton,	Rs. 13 1-2 per ton.
Deshagur Bengal	Rs. 15 "	Rs. 14 1-2 "
Muir's Navigation	Rs. 13 3-4 "	Rs. 13 1-2 "
Jardine's	Rs. 13 3-4 "	Rs. 13 1-2 "
Seebpore	Rs. 14 1-4 "	Rs. 14 "

EXPORTS.

COTTON.—Prices have been steady, and are given this evening, for forward delivery, at Rs. 152 1-2 per candy for "good" Broach, for March, Rs. 133 1-2 for "good" Bhownugger, for May; and Rs.122 for "Fully "good" Bengal, March. There has been a fair demand both from the local Mills and exporters, resulting in a moderate business.

The telegraphic weather and crop reports received from the districts on Monday morning continued to be of a favour able tenor throughout. Cotton picking had become general in Broach, Wadhwan, and Dholleraj; and at Barsi the prospects were much improved.

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed Cotton with the equivalents in sterling, cost, and freight to Liverpool via Canal, without Commission viz:—

	Per Candy. C. & F.
Bengal, Fine	Rs 127—2 27-32d.
Do. Fully Good Do.	" 122—2 25-32d.
Do. Good Do.	" 115—2 21-32d.
Bolatee, Fine Do.	" 131—2 29-32d.
Do. Fully Good Do.	" 125—2 7-8d.
Khandeish, Fa ly Good Do.	" 127—2 27-32d.
Gomra, Fully Good Do.	" 133—2 15-16d.
Dhollera, Fine March-April	" 141—3 1-16 3 3-32 3 1-8d
Do Do. Fully Good Do.	" 134—2 31-32 3 3 1-32d.
S. G. Dharwar, Good Do.	" 143—3 5-32d.
Westerns Do.	" 133—3d.
Broach, Fine Feb.-March	" 134—3 5-16d.
Do Good March	" 153—3 9-32d.

The arrivals of New Crop Cotton into Bombay this season as compared with last, are as follows:—

	Season. 1898-99. F. P. Bales.	Season. 1897-98. F. P. Bales.
Khandeish	154,500	117.500
Barsee and Nuggar	22,000	17,000
Berar	300,000	109,500
Hinguughat	6,000	4,000
Bengals	94,500	64,500
Persian and Sind	300	4,300
	577,300	316,800

The movements of Cotton to date show the following comparison with the previous two years:—

Receipts.	1899 Bales.	1898. Bales.	1897 Bales.
For the week	20,335	44,614	50,483
From 1st Jan. to 2nd Feb.	344,032	203,355	199,337
Clearances to Great Britain and Conti nt			
For the week	37,227	15,552	22,494
From 1st Jan. to 2nd Feb.	75,645	35 107	47,937
Clearances to China, Japan, Calcutta &c.			
For the week	13,322	11,689	4,430
From 1st Jan. to 2nd Feb	80,233	22,455	49,196

WHEAT.—The market is firm in tone, with a moderate demand; quotations are as follows:—

White Pessy $1 per cent	Rs.	4	7 8	per cwt.
Do. 85 "	"	4	3 0	"
No. 1 Club Delhi	"	4	2 0	"
Red Delhi	"	4	0 0	"
Hard Yellow	"	30	0 0	per candy
Red Ahmedabad	"	28	0 0	"
Hard Red	"	28	0 0	"

SEEDS.—Prices are steady, at an advance on those of last week, amounting to some 4 to 8 annas per cent. being given this evening as follows:—

Linseed	Rs.	6	8 0	per cwt.
Rapeseed, Yellow Guzerat	"	5	14 0	"
Do. do. Cawnpore	"	5	12 0	"
Do. Red do.	"	5	8 0	"
Gingelly, White	"	28	0 0	per candy.
Do. Mixed	"	31	0 0	"

The Comparative imports of Wheat and Seeds are as follows:—

	1898. Cwts.	1897. Cwts.	1896. Cwts.
Wheat for the week	33,358	19,070	14,184
Do. from 1st January to 2nd Feb.	187,885	123,211	33,518
Linseed for the week	30,727	18,023	6,388
Do. from 1st January to 2nd Feb.	126,553	88,293	21,254
Rapeseed for the week	20,053	5,171	6,767
Do. from 1st January to 2nd Feb.	66,918	20,089	9,429
Gingellyseed for the week.	75,223	42,083	20,982
Do. from 1st January to 2nd Feb.	440,734	211,207	56,956

The Clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent are as follows:—

	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts
Wheat for the week	23,531	...	.....
Do. from 1st Jan to 2nd February	209,270	.....	811
Linseed for the week	89,055	62,837	.....
Do. from 1st Jan to 2 ndFeb	229,121	30,3616	46,375
Rapeseed for the week	53,626	18,000	11,902
Do. from 1st Jan to 2nd Feb	172,991	99.111	47,009
Gingellyseed for the week	75,819	88,474	9,001
Do. from 1st Jan to 2nd February	425,639	294,326	70,43

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THE B I S N Co's s s Nuddea, 1,944 tons, Captain C Scott, sailed (yesterday) for Calcutta in ballast.

THE s s Romney, 1,763 tons, Captain W R Bennett, will sail (yesterday) for Rangoon in ballast.

THE s s Trigonia, 1,068 tons, Captain F G M Phillips, will sail (yesterday) for Karachi with the same bottom cargo.

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—FEB. 3.

Vessels.	Tons.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
Sutlej	3142	Symons			P & O Co
H M S Racoon		Hewett			Royal Navy
India	2691	Robertson			M M & Co
Ulieon	749	Tarbyorson			R Steuart & Co
Romney	1763	Bennett			W. A. G & Co
Wanderer ship	2 17	Tupman			Standard Oil Co
Neptune	2178	Walters			K N & Co
Golden Cross	1944	Miller			M Omiondiey
Naeri	912	Raffin			B & P S N Co
Trigonia	1068	Phillips			W. A. G & Co
Deepdale	1650	Peck			K N & Co
Okhla	3136	Peck			M M & Co
Ceylon		Channer			I L Service
Dalhousie		Wilson	Rangoon		R I Marine
Landaura	3207	Britton			M M & Co
H M S Eclipse		Bush			Flagship
Ellora	1998	Hunter	Rangoon	10-2	M M & Co
Patna	1164	Acheson			M M & Co
Henzada	1341	McDougall			M M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—FEBRUARY 3.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
B	Clan Fraser	1370	Oliver	Havre	1-2	F M & Co
C	Mozaffari	1397	Griffin	K S Port	1-2	E & P S N Co
D & E	Bombay	2763	Turner			J M & Co
F	Annie	2145	Gruht	Dunkirk		Bombay Co
H & J	Sidra	3082	Nickson	Antwerp	4-2	Bombay Co
K	Florida	2019	Chapman	Hull	7-2	J M & Co
M	Simla	1039	Robertson	P Gulf	3-2	M M & Co
M	Amra	1470	Murray	Karachi	2-2	M M & Co
N	Johannesburger	1874	Muller	Hamburg		Glade & Co
P	Allesgate	1987	Willis	Liverpool	7-2	J M & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Sabermati	1015	Pincer	Mangalore	3-2	Shprd & Co
Kaveri	553	Fukeer	Bhownugger	4-2	Do
Indravati	813	Adam	Mangalore	6-2	Do
Satrugli	547	Badroo	Kar chi	4-2	Do

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shd.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
3	City of Edinburgh	2260	Baillis	Karachi		F Forbes & Co
4	Peshawar	2263	Vibert	China		P & O Co
5	Clyde	2108	Ross	Aden	3-2	I O S S Co
9	Afghan	1432	Killon Zear	via rangoon		H D Josseth
10	Turbo	2679	Moss	Genoa		W. A. G & Co
14	Dwarka	1497	Tree	Karachi	3-2	M M & Co
15	Windsor Hall	2129	Williams	London		K N & Co
16	Joanna	2179	Griffith	Antwerp	6-2	F M & Co

MERSEWETHER DRY DOCK.

Egypt	7912 tons gross	P & O S N Co

* Probable date of departure.

Time Ball drops at Prince's Dock at Noon, or Greenwich meantime, 7h. 8m. 44·2s.

The Time Ball over the Clock Tower at the Bombay Castle continues to be dropped regularly at 1 p.m. of Colaba mean time, or 8h. 4m. 44·2s of Greenwich meantime.

ARRIVAL.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
3	Courtfield s	Sheldrick	Batoum, Jan 11

DEPARTURES.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
3	Lady Gray s	Putt	Rangoon
	Nuddea s	Scott	Calcutta

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday—
Steamer Trigonia, Phillips, for Karachi
" Romney, Bennett, for Rangoon
" Ellora, Thomas, for Calcutta
" Dwarka, Tree, for Karachi
" Afghan, Tenton, for Rangoon

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—
Steamer Amir, for Marseilles and Dunkirk
" Patna, for Persian Gulf
" Kola, for Karachi

THE BOMBAY GAZETTE OVERLAND SUMMARY.

(Compiled for despatch by the Weekly Mail to Europe.)

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

MARRIAGE.

RUSTOMJEE—VAKIL—January 30, at Allbless Baug, by Dastur Darab Peshotun Sanjana, Pestonjee H. J. Rustomjee, Barrister-at-Law, to Mehra, only daughter of the late Merwanjee Nusserwanjee Vakil.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

MARILLIER—January 31, at Dukonhengra, Assam, the wife of William Marillier, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

GORMAN—January 30, at 85, Lower Circular Road, Calcutta Mary Josephine Gorman, widow of Edmund Gorman, aged 58 years R I P.

MISQUITA—January 17, at the Madras General Hospital suddenly, of Thoracic Anoemia, P Misquita, Sub-Asst Supdt Govt Tel Dept Guntur Sub-Division, aged 43 years, 2 months and 5 days.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*** ALL communications intended for publication in our columns should be addressed to the Editor and not to any individual member of the staff.

The Bombay Gazette

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1899.

THE first volume of Sir George Trevelyan's "American Revolution," just published by Longmans, Green and Co., is in reality the second volume of the author's "Early History of Charles James Fox" given to the world eighteen years ago. It fell to the lot of that brilliant spendthrift, when well-nigh bankrupt in means and political credit, to rehabilitate his name and fame by the vigour and eloquence with which he attacked and denounced the policy of George III. and his Ministers when provoking the American Revolution, which cost the Empire three-fourths of the territory over which the British flag then floated. In the earlier volume Fox was shown in the full flush of his boisterous youth when he and his elder brother dissipated £140,000 of paternal wealth in reckless gambling and deep drinking. He was saved from ruin by the sacrifices which impoverished his father whose death was hastened by the blow. The same year deprived him also of his mother and of his erring brother. The triple shock, coming after his dismissal by Lord North, at the instance of the King, sobered him. He might have been another Mirabeau had it not been for the influence of Burke, one of the few honest men of independent judgment then in public life, though labouring under great discouragement at what appeared to him the decay of public virtue. "I am satisfied," he wrote in 1875, "that within a few years there has been a great change in the national character. No man commends the measures which have been pursued or expects any good from those which are in preparation; but it is a cold, languid opinion, like what men discover in affairs that do not concern them. It excites no no passion. It prompts to no action." Early in that year, Lord North moved an address to the King "praying his Majesty to adopt effectual measures for suppressing rebellion in the Colonies." Fox moved an amendment condemning the measures taken by the Government as calculated to widen the breach between England and America. He spoke with such power and effect that Gibbon, who had prepared an address on the same side, refrained from delivering it, fearing that the contrast with Fox's impassioned eloquence would be too great. On the division, over a hundred members voted with him—a demonstration which impressed even the Ministry. A fortnight later, Lord North proposed a compromise. Fox, while recognising that it was a step in the right direction, warned the Ministry that it would conciliate neither the English Tories nor the American malcontents. And so it turned out. Lord North was bitterly attacked by his own party, and narrowly escaped defeat. Later, when the infatuated Bill for restraining the trade and commerce of the American Colonies was introduced, Burke led the attack with great ability. Fox sustained him with his powerful eloquence and was thenceforth leader of the Opposition.

The ruined gamester and royster was preferred to the philosopher and the thinker, because he was an aristocrat, whose vices were those of the dominant caste, and whose gifts were more easily appreciated by the men of that time than the more solid qualities of Burke:—"He had fallen on days when rhetoric was at a premium if only it was spontaneous; if it had good sense behind it, and if the quarter from which it came was favourably regarded by those for whose benefit it was produced. Aristocrats to the core, they lent their ears the more readily to one of themselves, and the titles of Fox to rank as an aristocrat, though abnormal, were generally and willingly recognised. His grandfather on the one side had been with Charles I. on the scaffold. His great-great-grandfather on the other side had stood to the same Monarch in a much nearer relation, and the world had changed too little since the days of Monmouth and the Duke of Berwick for men of the world to trouble themselves greatly about the obliquity of the channel through which royal blood flowed in the veins of one whom they liked and, to their surprise, were beginning even to respect. Charles had led his contemporaries, and only too many of his elders, in a career of fashion and folly; as he was now to lead them, with a pre-eminence equally undisputed, along more arduous and reputable paths. He sprang from a line of statesmen conspicuous in place, and long in years, though not in numbers; for Stephen Fox was serving the Crown four generations before ever his grandson entered public life. That grandson had now the authority of an old member in a fresh Parliament, which only knew his scrapes by hearsay, and (whatever might be the case with its successor) was not destined to witness a repetition of them." The King and his Ministers left no blunder uncommitted. They went from provocation to provocation as if their object was to produce a revolt, which it would be their pleasure and profit to suppress. It may be said in their excuse that by the shameless misrepresentations of the Governors and Lieutenant-Governors in the Colonies, who in secret communications urged the Government to make no concessions to the malcontents while they were posing in America as the friends of the Colonists, labouring to bring about a good understanding with the incensed King. Of these men Franklin wrote:—"Their office makes them insolent; their insolence makes them odious; and being conscious that they are hated, they become malicious." The trouble with the Colonies arose from the Stamp Act, which was resented as an attempt to enforce taxation without representation. That Act was repealed, but the claim to tax the Colonies was renewed on the representations of Sir Francis Bernard, Governor of Massachusetts, "whose letters contained the germ of all the culpable and foolish proceedings which at length alienated America.... He pleaded in secret that the obnoxious taxes should never, and on no account, be repealed or mitigated; while in a public despatch he recommended that a petition from the Assembly, praying relief from these very taxes, should be favorably considered.... Amidst the surprise and dismay inspired by each successive stroke of severity with which they were visited, the Colonists did not recognise, and in some cases did not even suspect, the hand of their own paid servants, who were for ever professing to meditate between them and their angry Sovereign. Since Machiavelli undertook to teach the Medici no such body of literature was put on paper as that in which Sir Francis Bernard (for his services procured him a baronetcy) instructed George III. and his ministers in the art of throwing away a choice portion of a mighty Empire."

The crisis was precipitated by the imposition of a duty of three-pence a pound on tea, estimated to bring in the magnificent sum of three hundred pounds a year. It was imposed with some other duties of less importance by resolutions dated June 2, 1767. These led to counter resolutions in Boston and other colonial centres for non-intercourse with the mother country and a refusal to purchase not only British tea, but all articles of British manufacture. In one year the importation of British goods to New England, New York and Pennsylvania fell from £1,330,000 to £400,000. This was followed by the military occupation of Boston, which led to frequent conflicts between the soldiers and the resentful colonists. The superior officers endeavoured to minimise the growing estrangement, but their advances were coldly repelled, even the ladies averting their faces when passing them in the streets:—"The best among the officers, forbidden by self-respect to intrude where they were not welcome, retired into the background and left the field clear for the operations of certain black, sheep of the mess-room whom the citizens, in the humour which then prevailed, came not unnaturally to look upon as representatives of British character and conduct." The situation was fast becoming intolerable. The duties were repealed, with the solitary exception of that on tea, which was fatuously maintained to uphold the contested right of

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE CHARGES AGAINST FRENCH JUDGES.

LONDON, FEB. 2.

The French Government has ordered a supplementary enquiry into M. Quesnay de Beaurepaire's charges against the Judges of the Court of Cassation.

THE PURSUIT OF THE KHALIFA.

By the last despatches from the Soudan Colonel Kitchener on 25th January was within sixty miles of the Khalifa's position.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION.

A conference of the Premiers of the Australian Colonies has unanimously settled all disputed points in connection with the Federation question.

PEACE RESCRIPT BY THE KAISER.

The Emperor William has issued a Birthday Rescript in which his Majesty says he will do his utmost to maintain peace.

MR. RHODES' MISSION.

The Rt. Hon. Cecil Rhodes has left England for Egypt via Brussels, where he will have an interview with King Leopold.

THE SETTLEMENT OF CUBA.

DISBANDING THE CUBAN FORCES.

Feb. 3.

A telegram received from Havana says that General Gomez, the Cuban leader, has cabled to President McKinley assuring the United States Government of his co-operation in disbanding the Cuban soldiers and in distributing three million dollars offered by America to enable the Cubans to return to their homes

RUSSIAN TROOPS IN THE FAR EAST.

Russia continues to send Cossacks to Vladistock as Railway Police.

It is understood that at the present time there are nearly 13,000 (!) Russian troops stationed at Port Arthur and Talienwan.

THE TROOPING SERVICE.

The hired transport Dunera has arrived at Southampton.

THE MAILS.

LONDON, FEB. 2.

The Bombay mails of the 21st ultimo arrived at Brindisi to-day.

THE MADRAS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

CHESHIRES VS. HUSSARS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SECUNDERABAD, FEB. 3.

The Cheshires beat the 19th Hussars this evening by 2 goals to *nil* in the match in connection with the Madras Football Tournament.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

POONA, FEB 3.

Colonel Stokes, British Derrice, on being relieved, at Poona, of the duties of officiating D.A.G., Bombay Command, on the appointment of a permanent incumbent, will rejoin his appointment of A.A.G., Mhow District.

Major Robinson, R.A., on being relieved at Mhow of he duties of officiating A. A. G., Mhou District, by Colonel Stokes, is directed to rejoin his Battery, 72nd Field Battery, R.A., at Bellary.

Captain Harvey 1st Battn R. I Rifles, on being relieved, at Karachi of the duties of officiating D. A. G. Sind District, on the appointment of a permanent incumbent, will rejoin his appointment of S. S. O., Poona,

Captain Wilson, D. L. Infantry, on vacating appointment of Adjutant of the 1st Battn. B. B, and C. I. Railway Volounteer Rifle Corps, on the 5th proximo, will join the 2nd Battn. of his Regiment pending orders from the War Office as to his posting.

The appointment of Lieutenant Garwood, R. E., as Company Commander, Bombay Sappers and Miners notified in Bombay Command Orders, No. 482, of 16th September will have effect from 29th October.

Royal Army Medical Corps—Under instructions from the Army Head-quarters in India Colonel Beamish is ordered to proceed immediately to Meerut to officiate as District P. M. O. in Bengal Command.

Major Stables on arrival from England. is posted to Poona District.

The undermentioned officers are qualified for promotion to the rank of lieutenant :—2nd Lieutenan Richard R. A., 2nd Lieutenants Timmes, Burne, Dansy, and Ricketts, 1st Battn., Wiltshare Regiment.

The undermentioned Warrant officers are granted leave to proceed out of India on medical certificate :—Conductor Obrien, Commissariat Transport Deptt., for one year., Conductor Bloss, Ordnance Dept for one year

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence:—Captain Rocke, Wiltshire Regiment, 1st Battalion, from 1st February to 3rd July on private affairs, out of India; Lieutenant Parry 1st Field Battery, R. A., on 7 months' leave, on private affairs. out of India : Major Burton, 29th Field Battery, R. A., on 6 months' leave, on Medical certificate, out of India (this cancels the leave granted to this officer in Command Order No, 695 of 1898, Lieutenant Molyneaux, Steel, Border Regiment 2nd Battalion from 21st January to 11th February, pending embarkation for India, granted by the War Office, in extension of the leave granted ; and Lieutenant Delime Radcliffe, 7th Bombay Infantry, 1 day (14 November), on private affair.

DACOITY IN THE VILLAGE OF PINPALGAON.

News has reached of a dacoity which took place at a village near Jannar town, near which the victims of the recent nose cutting dacoity resided. The dacoits went to the village af Pinpalgaon, managed to seize Rs. 5,000 without cutting anybody's nose this time, and cleared away.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

PLYMOUTH, FEB. 2,

The P and O Company's steamer Arabia, arrived here, this afternoon.

The P and O Company's steamer Massilia, arrived here, this morning.

SUEZ, FEB. 2.

The P and O Company's steamer Arcadia, arrived here, from Colombo, on 30th afternoon.

PENANG, FEB. 3,

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer Vindobona, from Japan, left for Bombay, this afternoon.

COLOMBO, FEB. 3.

The P. and O. Co.'s ss Rome, left here for Aden, this morning.

The P. and O. Co.'s ss Chusan, left here at day light to-day, and is expected to arrive in Bombay at 4 a.m. on Monday next.

The German East Africa Line, steamer Saifari, arrived at Zanzibar from Bombay on the 3rd instant, via Mombassa.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, FEB. 2.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed steady. Sarats dull.

Good Bhownuggur 2 24-32

The Manchester Market has been firm.

2½ per cent. Consols 111 3-16
3 per cents, Reduced 102 3-4
3½ per cent, Sterling Loan 117
3½ per cent, Rupee Paper 56 1-16
Bar Silver 27 7-16

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending Yesterday show the following results :—Total Bullion £33,000,000 ; Increase £500000 ; Public Deposits £3,000,000 ; Increase £304,000 ; Other Deposits £40,700,000 ; Increase Unchanged Other Securities £23 200,000 ; Decrease £500,000 ; Notes and Gold £22,000,000 ; Decrease Unchanged, The Bank's Reserve is 48 per cent. of liabilities.

SUPREME LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

INCOME-TAX ON THE INCOMES OF HOME INVESTORS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 3.

At the Legislative Council, to-day, replying to Mr. Allan Arthur's question regarding the hardship of the present system of levying both the Home and Indian income-tax on the incomes of Home investors who hold Indian securities, Sir James Westland doubted whether the position of what was in effect only about three rupees on every hundred of interest could have much effect on the movement of capital to India. He would, however, lay Mr. Arthur's question before the Secretary of State, though the matter had already been before the Home Government, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer had announced an adverse decision some time ago.

EXEMPTION OF GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS FROM MUNICIPAL CONTROL.

The business of the meeting was then proceeded with, the Bill to exempt certain Government buildings from Municipal control being passed, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Rivaz, and the reports of the Select Committees on the Contract Bill, the Evidence Bill and the Petroleum Bill presented.

Regarding the Municipal Buildings Bill the Hon Mr Rivaz explained that certain minor alterations only had been made by the Select Committee to make it plain that the exemption given was only from Municipal control in regard to construction, and not in regard to taxation, the Municipalities being still at liberty to tax Government buildings as before. Further that such Government buildings as were used for public purposes were meant, and that even here the Municipality was concerned, and always be furnished with plans prior to the commencement of construction except in cases of Military buildings for defence, etc., where it might be necessary to keep the plan of construction secret.

Sir James Westland regretted that the Bill did not go further, in that it was manifestly unfair that in such cases, for instance, as where Government built a fort for the protection of a big city, the local Municipality should be able to step in as soon as it was built and demand taxes upon it. He did not oppose the measure, however, which was passed unanimously.

Mr. Chalmers announced that the discussion on the Contract Bill will take place to-day fortnight and Council broke up to reassemble next Friday.

THE VICEROY'S REPLY TO THE ZEMINDARY PUNCHAYET'S ADDRESS.

Replying to the address from the Zemindary Punchayet, to-day, his Excellency Viceroy, speaking of the complaint of insufficiency of education given to the ryats, said he believed it was the desire of the Government to give them a system which shall better qualify them for their avocation. Government however, ought not to be left to grapple with this problem alone.

Regarding higher education his Excellency said that althoug the system of public school training is not indigenous, the Raj Kumar Colleges in various parts of India are now established on a firm footing and appear on the whole to be producing excellent results.

Lord Curzon, however, offered to associate an educational officer with a committee he suggested should be formed out of their own body by his hearers, to assist in formulating suggestions for his consideration with a view to effecting an improvement.

Regarding Judicical administration his Excellency thought that he who could persuade his fellow creatures to abstain from drinking too deeply of the wells of Justice would be even greater than the law-giver who evolves order out of choos. That society should learn to regard the courts as a refuge and not a relaxation was a proposition few would deny, the interest taken by the Government in the matter being testified by the Arbitration Bill lately introduced into the Council.

In bedding farewell to his visitors, Lord Curzon referred to the career of pleasurable responsibility that lies before him,

ORDER OF MERIT.

Naik Butta Singh, 4th Bombay Infantry, is gazetted to the Order of Merit for conspicuous gallantry in last June on the Lake Wams, in East Africa, when, though twice severely wounded himself, he went to the assistance of a sepoy who was mortally wounded, and after driving off several parties of the enemy finally, with the assistance of two other sepoys, brought the wounded man into camp.

BENGAL LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The Bengal Lawn Tennis Tournament is posponed to the week commencing on 6th March

ANOTHER SMOKE NUISANCE PROSECUTION.

THE SIBPORE JUTE MILL FINED.

Another smoke nuisance prosecution was reported at Howrah, and a nominal fine was inflicted by thet District Magistrate on the Sibpore Jute Mill.

FAIR PROHIBITED AT BELLARY.

The issue of Railway tickets to intending pilgrims to the Karnikam festival at Mailar, Bellary, from Bombay and elsewhere is prohibited as a plague precaution.

A SEPOY RUN AMOK.

A sepoy of the 6th Madras Infantry ran amok a Jhansi, to-day. He fired four shots into the house occupied by Major Shaw, of the same regiment, and then two shots at the party sent to secure him wounding one man seriously, and then shot himself dead.

THE SIND COMMAND.

It is understood that Colonel Pole-Carew is prevented by ill-health from coming out to take up the Sind-Command, until next autumn.

GAZETTE OF INDIA NOTIFICATIONS.

Finance Department—Mr. R. E. Hamilton is promoted substantively to Class I, and Mr. J. C. Branson to Class 2, of the Accountant-Generals Depot.

Home Department—Captain's Cooper, 1st Sikhs, Campbell, 25th Punjabis, and O. A. Smith, 27th Punjabis, are posted to Bombay for plague duty ; also Lieutenant Paleologus, 28th Punjabis and Peacock 31st Punjabis.

Colonel Prideau, Bombay General List, is permitted to reside in India, on vacating the appointment in the Judge-Advocate-General's Department.

Marine Department.—Mr. Nash, Storekeeper, Bombay Dockyard, is granted 21 months' furlough.

Military Department.—Major J. G. Downing to be Controller of Military Accounts, vice Colonel Lawyer, whose tenure has expired ; Lieutenant-Colonel Gurgess, Major Williams, Mr. Whelan, Captain Harrison, and Lieutenants Sheppard, Bagshawe, and Chandler, each receiving a step of promotion, vice Major Dowaing.

Public Works Department.—Mr. C. E. Hubbard is temporarily transferred from Bombay to the Office of Examiner of Guaranteed Railway Accounts, Madras.

THE ALIGARH COLLEGE.

COLLEGE LAWS AMENDED.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

ALIGARH, FEB. 2.

At the annual meeting of the trustees of the M. A. O. College, Aligarh, the Hon'ble Syed Mahmood was elected president and Nawab Mohsin-ul-Malk secretary. Considerable changes in the Laws of the College were made.

Some very interesting relics of underground London have been presented to the Guildhall Museum by Sir Benjamin Baker, the well-know engineer, and the City Commissioners of Sewers. These were brought to light by the excavations which have been made in connection with the Bank and Newgate Stations of the Central London Railway. Among them are an engraved brass rowel spur of the seventeenth century, a portion of a horseshoe, several specimens of Samian ware, a Venetian wineglass, and a platter of painted Delft ware, also of the seventeenth century, with some green glazed ware, a white stone jug and a few human bones. These together with some Roman antiquities, also dug up at the corner of Queen Victoria-street, near Walbrook, and a curious cast-iron plaque, representing the killing of the "goose with the golden egg," which was discovered in the cellar of an old house in Smithfield Market, have been placed near the famous collection of relics of underground London which were gathered together with so much assiduity by the late Mr. Charles Hosch Smith, F.S.A., of Strood,

LIQUID FUEL FOR STEAMERS.

Yesterday afternoon, at the invitation of Messrs Graham and Co., shipping agents, of Bombay, and agents for the Shell Transports and Trading Company, a large number of gentlemen, European and native, assembled on board the s. s. Trigonia, which made a trip round the harbour in order to demonstrate the practibility of utilising liquid fuel for coal in the propulsion of a steamer. The Trigonia left Bulk oil pier, Mody Bay, at 3-30, and as soon as the vessel started a large number of engineers visited the stokehold. The construction of the vessel and the oil-burning apparatus by which steam is generated was explained by the officers. The idea of applying liquid fuel in the place of coal is by no means a recent one, as it has been used for some years by coasting vessels employed in the Black and Caspian seas ; and at the present time, the Naval authorities of Russia are making experiments in order to prove whether it is feasible to adopt for their navy.

The special feature of the Trigonia is that her furnaces are fitted for burning oil fuel ; at the same time they are also available for coal in the ordinary way if required, it being possible to make the necessary alterations for a change of fuel in a few hours. The method employed for burning the oil is to pulverise it before combustion, and suitable arrangements have been provided in the furnaces to prevent any local injury to the boiler plates. The oil is carried in the cofferdam, bunkers, or double bottom, from which it is pumped into a service tank over the boilers. From this service tank it gravitates down to the burners at the front of the furnaces, where, by the aid of steam jets, it is pulverised or broken into spray. The combustion of the oil is effected without any lavey of coal or other substance, such as is occasionally used with liquid fuel, and the furnaces are fitted with brick work, which, besides assisting complete combustion, serves to retain a certain amount of heat in the furnaces when the burners are shut off. The burner used is circular in form, and the steam and oil meeting at the outlet, the latter is so effectively sprayed or distributed that the resulting flames completely fill the furnace. The bunkers are specially stayed, and have been tested for oil tightness, but at the same time are suitable for coal if required, the compartments intended to contian the liquid fuel being separated from the stokehold by a space which may be filled with water ballast or coal. On her trial trip the Trigonia obtained a speed of over 10 1-2 knot an hour. The agents claim that one ton of Borneo oil (which the Trigonia was burning) is worth about 2 1-2 ton of Japanese or Indian coal, which is a special inducement to steamers engaged in the Eastern trade. Another advantage claimed for oil fuel is that in heavy weather it will maintain a very steady head of steam, which, it is asserted, cannot be kept with coal, and that in close weather, as the oil does not require a draught, the boilers can maintain the same regular head of steam as in fine weather. On the important question of labour, we understand that when oil is used an enormous saving is effected, especially on steamers of high speed and large consumption, inasmuch as only two men at the outside are necessary for the stokehold as compared with perhaps 30 stokers who would otherwise have to be employed. With regard to the very material gain in dead weight carrying capacity, which is yet another great advantage of liquid fuel, the agents cite as an example the case of a steamer with a consumption of only 20 tons of coal per day. The run from Aden to Colombo would require a stock of at least 250 tons of coal on board, but as many merchant steamers do not call at all coaling ports, a common practice is to coal at the Suez Canal direct for Singapore, or for 23 days' steaming. A steamer, therefore, has to take a minimum of 500 tons of coal. It is stated that liquid with fuel the same steamer would have an ample supply with 300 tons, and she would therefore be able to carry at least 200 tons more cargo than under existing circumstances. In steamers with large consumption the saving, of course, would be more material. A most important advantage in consumption of oil fuel is the entire absence of smoke ; while the oil could be stowed away in places hitherto used for water ballast.

Among those who inspected the system were Messrs. W. Wilson, R. S. Snell and J. Cameron (P. and O. Co.), C. Anderson and Messent (Port Trust Works), Gadsden (I. M. S.), Phillips and Potto (B. I. S. Co.), Greaves (Messrs. Greaves, Cotton and Co.). R. Ditchburn (B. S. N. Co.), Grogban, Messrs. Grogban and Co.), Hepworth (Messrs. Hepworth, Allcock, Ashdown and Hepworth), and others. The general opinion of the experts on board was that a much longer trial would have to be given on to the system before any of the large steamship companies would think of adopting it. The heat in the stokehold of the Trigonia was intense, but possibly this was in a measure due to the boilers being in a confined space. The noise also was very great, although there were only six boilers. The case of the P. and O. Co.'s Egypt with her 27 boilers was cited as an experiment, Steaming under a forced draught the greater part of the heat is drawn up the funnels, and if she were fitted to use liquid fuel instead of coalit was asked if thenoise of six boilers is so great, what would it be if the number were twenty-seven, and what would be the degree of heat in the stokehold. Other questions were put as to whether the heat as generated by this method would not have rather a deleterious effect on the boilers, and whether the system was not better adapted for working boilers in factories than on sea. It should be said that Messrs. Manockjee Petit and Co. are making practical experiments with a view to proving the utility of liquid fuel, and both the B. B. and C. I. Co. and G. I. P. Railways are preparing to give the invention a trial on their railways.

TERRIBLE HOUSE-FALLING CATASTROPHE

Last night at half past 11 o'clock the hole of the front portion of a four-storeyed house, situated in Janjiker Street, Maudvi, came down with a crash, precipitating several persons who were residing in that portion of the building. About a dozen persons were injured. Cases of some of them are considered to be dangerous, The houses belongs to a Khoja. Immediately after the claps, the police under Superintendent Stanford repaired to the scene. The fire brigade stations were teleplioned for assistance and a body of lascars from fort and Babulla Tank stations promptly proceeded to the spot with their engines and fire escapes The work of turning the debris commenced and as the injured persons were picked out from the heap of rubish, they were sent to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital with all possible despatch. Some of the injured persons were found so be terribly bruised and mangled and three of them ,—a man, woman and chid—were in a critical condition. The cause of the collapse was not known.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

THIRD DAY'S REGATTA.

RACE FOR MRS. SKEFFINGTON SMYTH'S CUP.

The race for Mrs. Skeffington Smyth's Cup took place yesterday afternoon, and it seemed as if on this the third day of the Regatta, public interest had a length been fairly aroused. Seventeen boats started. At a quarter to three off went the Cygnet under all sail, the Midget going away withjher. Five minutes later the Teal, Meg, Tomtit, and Huida were sent off on their course, and 3-53 the Pixie was dismissed after them. At one minute past three the Mannikin went after them, and five minutes later the Isca might have been seen in hot pursuit, accompanied by the Janetta. These at 3-7 were followed by Kismet, and two minutes later the Melody was despatched on her journey. Violet being her handicap companion, after three minutes more, and the Chita was off. Then at 3-19 the Nanta started, accompanied by the Scilla, and last at 3-22 away went the Turquoise. It was a very pretty sight, the harbour studded with flying sail, and the interest of the moment lent zest to the scene. First round the Tucker Beacon went Cygnet. The Teal followed closely and Meg and Tomtit rounded together. Pixie came next and then Mannikin and Isca. The race came along as respectable distances from each other. Near the North Karanja Pixie over hauled the Teal. Then Pixie in turn was overtaken by Mannikin the latter passing the pilot boat first and leading at the beginning of the second round. By and by the wind which had been only very light, began to dwindle away and before the race was finished there was scarcely sufficient to give headway, some of the smaller boats coming in after darkness had set in

The following was the result of the Competition:—

		Returned H. M. S.
Mannikin	Officers R A	3 1 p.m. 5 37 59
Melody	Mr J B K Macbeth	3 11 5 41 13
Stella	Col H H Boyd, I M S	3 19 5 49 9
Turquoise	Mr R S Snell	3 22 5 42 33
Kismet	Mr W P Symonds	3 9 5 48 56
Nanta	Mr C T H Seovel	3 19 5 49 6
Isca	Mr J S Chrystal	3 6 5 56 18
Pixie	Mr G E Howse	2 53 5 19 31
Meg	Mr J B K Macbeth	2 50 6 3 56
Tomtit	Mr H H H Hopkins	2 50 6 4 21
Violet	Capt G Wilson	3 11 6 7 19
Janetta	Officers R E	3 6 6 8 47
Huida	Mr Love	6 15 40
Midget	Officers R A	2 45 6 22 10
Teal	Mr W Murray	2 50 6 33 33
Cygnet	Mr E C Richards	3 45 did not finish,

LIST OF ENTRIES FOR TO-DAY.

Challenge Cup Race—Start at 2-30 p.m.

Boat's name	Rating	Entered by
Turquoise	29·99	Mr E S Luard
Janetta	28·22	Officers R E
Kismet	29·56	Mr W P Symonds
Melody	29·38	Mr J B K Macbeth
Mannikin	16·05	Officers, R A

Course No 4, viz, from Committee Vessel round South Karanja Buoy, round Sunk Rock, round North Karanja Buoy, round South Karanja Buoy and thence to Committee Vessel, leaving all marks to starboard. Length of course 14½ miles.

Tomtit Class Race for Mrs Luard's Cup—Start at 2-45 p.m.

Boat's name	Entered by
Teal	Mr W Murray
Lorna	Mr M P Baird
Meg	Mr J B K Macbeth
Tomtit	Mr H H H Hopkins
May	Comdr C Chandler
Corelie	Mr C H Byrne
Cygnet	Mr E C Richards

Course No 1, viz, from Committee Vessel round South Karanja Buoy, round Sunk Rock and back to Committee Vessel, leaving all marks to starboard. Length of course 7½ miles

Limited Seaward Karachi and Jolly Boats Race—Start at 3 p.m.

Boat's name	Entered by
Bhawani	Jalaudin
Aurkhud	Sk Hassum
Jagguy	Mahomed Rasim
Dustugiri	Abdul Cadir
Gunga	Mahomed Hussain
Mahagiri	Mahoffed Hussain

Course No 1, viz, same as above

BOMBAY PHILHARMONIC CONCERT.

On Thursday evening the members of the Bombay Philharmonic Society gave their first concert of the season in the Town Hall, when there was a large and enthusiastic attendance, and amongst those present was Lady Sandhurst. The chorus consisted of about 130 voices, and they were assisted by an excellent orchestra of 50 performers, which included all the best amateurs, and members of the Governor's Band and musicians from the King's Shropshire Light Infantry. The principals were Mrs. Muir Mackenzie, Mrs. Bollam, and Madame Lily Howard and Mr. Basil Scott, and the whole under the baton of Colonel Martin. The programme opened with an orchestral performance "Abendstille" (Angelus) by Muller Oldenberg, which was well executed, the subdued parts being beautifully played. Mrs. Muir Mackenzie followed with a solo from Mendelssohn's oratorio of St. Paul, "Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets," but the effect was somewhat spoiled by the orchestra being too loud. The audience, however, appreciated the effort of the artiste and applauded most heartily. A violin solo by Madame Koenig, accompanied by members of the Governor's band, conducted by Herr Koenig, was the next item, and this was one of the best performances of the evening. Madame Koenig's execution was brilliant, the variations being admirably taken.

The Song of Miriam, a tuneful cantata by Schubert, was then rendered by the united efforts of the choir and orchestra, while Mrs. Muir Mackenzie splendidly interpreted Miriam's part. It was first arranged that this work should be undertaken by Mrs. Tinley, who took part in the first rehearsals, but a cold compelled her to relinquish the engagement. The solo is long and taxes the powers of the singer, and Mrs. Muir Mackenzie well deserved the plaudits which greeted her. The chorus took their parts well, though there was a perceptible weakness in the tenors, and the members would perhaps have done better if they had paid more attention to the conductor. On the whole, the parts were well taken up and given with spirit, which was very fine in the descriptive passages. The second part comprised two items, the first being "Rakoczy," a march by Berlioz, from "La Damnation de Faust," which was excellently rendered by the orchestra, the members of which gave evidence of careful training. The cantata, "The Erl King's Daughter," followed. Herr Oluf, on the eve of his wedding-day, rides out in search of wedding guests (though why the bridegroom should go and look for the guests or even invite them is not explained), and getting to the Erl King's mound in the wood, becomes a victim to the wrath of the Erl King's daughter, who invites him to dance with her, her maidens also strongly seconding the invitation ; on his pleading that he really could not stay, as to-morrow was his wedding day, and he had to be at the wedding, she touched him with a fatal touch and he rushes home on his fiery untamed steed, only to expire on arrival. The music is throughout highly descriptive. The parts of Herr Oluf, his mother, and the Erl King's daughter were taken respectively by Mr. Basil Scott, Madame Lily Howard, and Mrs Bollam, who were all excellent throughout. The choruses in this part excelled those in the first portion of the programme. In the middle of the piece a "Morning Hymn" was given, Mr. Mant accompanying at the organ, and this gained decided approval with the hearers and had to be repeated. A special word of congratulation should be given to Colonel Martin, the conductor, who throughout exercised the greatest skill in controlling both the orchestra and the chorus.

DURBAR AT NASIK.

A POLICE OFFICER'S REWARD FOR DISPERSING DACOITS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

NASIK, FEB. 2.

A Durbar was held under the presidentship of Mr. P.C.H. Snow, I.C.S., the popular and energetic Commissioner of the Central Division, who has been here on a tour of inspection, in the Huzu Account Office Hall, in the Nawa Wada, to-day, for the purpose of presenting a sword to Rao Saheb Yeshwant Mahadeo Karnik, the Police Inspector, and thanking Mr Bhimrao Keshco Purandare, the Nasik city Chief Constable and Mr. Hari Piraji, the Nasik taluka Chief Constable, for the exceptional pluck and determination shewn by these police officers in capturing the notorious dacoits, Chunya Bhawani and Balya Pitcher, and completely breaking up thega ngs of dacoits that were formed last year under their leadership and that had for some months past been harrassing the ryots, especially in the Nasik district.

The place selected for the durbar was certainly a proper place in every respect for such an august durbar meeting The magnificent hall was tastefully decorated and provided seats for 250 people. On a raised dais at the north end of the hall below the areade was seated for the president. The main entrance and the east row of windows were decorated with flags. At about 9-30 a.m the guests began to assemble, received and seated according to their rank and position. The Police Head Quarters' band arrived at about a quarter to 10, and played select military tunes. The president in his durbar-dress, accompanied by the Police Superintendent, Mr. Davies, came at 10 o'clock and was received with military salute by the police at the entrance occupied seats on the dais. Amongst those present were :—Mrs. Pechey Phipson ; Captain Mitchell ; Miss Mitchell ; Mr. and Mrs. Davies ; Capt Hudson and Miss Hudson ; Lieut. Davidson ; Lieut. Menzies ; Khan Bahadur Abdul Fattah Moulvi ; Khan Bahadur Kazi Meer Gayasuddid Jalaluddin ; Rao Bahadur Ganesh Nandurang Vaidya ; Rao Bahadur Kashinath Balwant Pendse; Rao Bahadur Motilal Chunilal ; Rao Bahadur Ganesh Chimnaji Vad ; Rao Bahadur Ramchandra Narayan Joglekar ; Rao Saheb Vinayak Narayan Kunpkar ; Pao Saheb Chintamao Krishna Hardikar ; Rao Saheb Hari Vinayak Kane ; Rao Saheb Vasudeo Ganesh Kadaskar ; Rao Saheb Venkatrao Shivram Bhadbhode; Rao Saheb Dwarkanath Raghoba Tarkhadkar; Mr. Ganesh Hari Hardikar, pleader; and Mr. Wasudeo Ramchandra Pimple, Pleader.

After a short pause, the president, Mr. Snow, made the following speech :—

Ladies and Gentlemen,—I am here to-day under the orders and on behalf of the Bombay Government to present a sword to Inspector Yashwant Mahadeo of the Nasik Police as a recognition of his gallantry and energy in attacking and completely breaking up the gang of dacoits under the leadership of Chimnya Bin, for the 6th August last at the village of Chimanwal. Associated with the Inspector in this hazardous but successful feat were the Chief Constables 'Bhimrao Keshevrao' and 'Hari Piraji' to whom I have also to convey the thanks of Government for their brave and distinguished conduct. The Inspector and Chief Constable Bhimrao were shortly afterwards instrumental in effecting the capture of the notorious dacoits 'Bala Pitchad' thus further adding to their laurels and doing another most important service. The attack on Chimnya Bhawani's gang at the village of Chimanwal was a venture of the utmost daring and carried out with as much foresight, resolution and courage as might have been expected from regular troops. The approach a gang of desperadoes such as Chimnya's band during the night in the middle of the rainy season and the heart of the hills was a remarkable performance, but so well did the Inspector know his ground and so careful were his dispositions that he was able to bring up his man to within a few yards of the hut where the dacoits had taken shelter before the alarm was given. The following facts will show the desparate nature of the engagement which ensued. The police were received at close quarters with a volley from Suidars and other guns with which the dacoits were armed. Yeshwant Mahadeo had his right hand injured by a bullet and the sleeve of his coat shot through ; the hilt of his sword was also struck by a bullet. Two boys were killed by the first volley of the dacoits and two subsequently seriously injured. The police then rushed the dacoits' position and captured or killed twelve out of a total of about fifteen. The remainder, aided by the darkness and proximity of the jungle, with Chimnya amongst them, succeeded in effecting their escape. They were all, however, finally apprehended. Both the Inspector and his man displayed the greatest courage and determination throughout this hazardous action, and the whole affair reflects the greatest credit on them personally and speaks well for the gallantry and devotion to duty of the Nasik Police Force. The police officers concerned in the attack have earned by their courageous conduct the special recognition of Government and I venture to think that it was never better deserved than on the present occasion. I trust that the recent gallant deed of some of the leaders of the force will stimulate the police in this District to still further energy in their operations against dacoits and marauders, who have been unpleasantly numerous during the past year, and that the prowess of the Nasik force, should occasion arise, will especially assert itself again In conclusion, I must congratulate the Superintendent of Polies in having at his disposal such gallant officers and men." (Loud applause).

The President presented the sword, made of the best steel, and on it were inscribed the name of the recipients, and his exploit Mahalu Karsik Rao Saheb Yeshwant and conveyed to him and Messrs. Bhimrao and Hari Piraji the thanks of Government for their valuable services.

Garlands and wreaths were presented to the three police officers and the darbar was closed after the distribution of a pana sopari, attar gulab and flowers.

TEXTILE FANCY DRESS BALL.

The annual fancy dress ball held by the Bombay Textiles club, came of last night and was pronounced to be a success. Besides the members of the club, a large number of guests invited by the Committee, attended the ball, which proved an exceedingly enjoyable night' entertainment. The costumes were admired for the variety of colours' fashions and the richness of the texture. The main staircase of the Town Hall was covered with red cloth., white plants in pots lined both sides of the entrance. A large number of pyramids placed at intervals added greatly to the brightness of the scene. The main hall was decorated in a manner that showed the good taste of those responsible for this portion of the preparations of the ball. The decorations was very simple but effective, and made in a manner that did not impair or eclipse the brilliancy of the costumes. The organ platform was hidden in a mass of foliage, intercepted with multicoloured fairy lamps and large Cooking glasses. The several huge columns supporting the roof were entwined by garlands of leaves. The verandah in rear of the dancing hall was converted into a bar, the catering being supplied by a Parsee gentleman of Hummum Street. A string band was in attendance and played a selection of music at intervals. A programme of dancing was then gone through with spirit and it evidently enjoyed by a large gathering.

TABLE TALK.

[BY WALTER BESANT.]

LONDON, JAN. 13.

An American paper, called "The Commons," which is devoted to social questions, publishes a catechism to be used by a housemaid or parlour-maid in considering the offer of a place. It is rather a long catechism, too long for this column. But a few of the questions will serve to show the general purport of this very Revolutionary document.

1. What did you call your last housemaid ? What did she call you ?
2. What was her estimate of your character ?
3. Are you her superior ? In what respects, and why ?
4. Were you respectful to her ?
5. Where is her room ? How big is it ? Have you ever slept in it ?
6. Did she like the place ?
7. How many hours of the day are her own ?
8. How many hours a day does she work ?
9. Did you sit with her and talk about her friends ?
10. Did you ever take her to concerts ?
11. Would you support her in sickness and in age ?
12. What have faithfulness, loyalty, respect, love, cheerfulness, sisterly followship to do with your bargains with a housemaid ?

I think I have said that these questions appear to me to be Revolutionary.

Two more cases of heroism ; both taken from a Canadian paper in an article on Presence of Mind. The first happened at Richmond, Indiana, at some rolling-mills. The engineer while alone in the engine-room fell against a gear wheel, which literally tore off one of his legs. He thought not of his own agony, but of the machinery and of the people in the building whose lives were lost unless he could turn off the supply of natural gas. Wounded as he was, he actually dragged himself fifty feet in order to make things safe. When the men came back he was dying. But he had saved everybody's life. The next instance was of a fireman in New York, who saw that a runaway horse and cart would most certainly crash into the truck behind a fire-engine team going along the street with all the firemen on board. He jumped off and seized the horse, being dragged along by she animal. But he checked its speed ; the truck passed safely.

I have always considered that a man who possesses that quickness of wit which at once seizes on the whole situation, with its possibilities and its consequences, and at the same moment sees how to meet the situation, must be one of the happiest of men. For my own part, I see only one side—not both sides. I see the danger : I see the threat, but not until it is too late do I see the way to meet the danger and to avert the threat. It is like finding a repartee. Anyone can offer an insult ; any ass can say "You're a fool" ; but it takes a clever man to meet the thing with the proper repartee. There is, of course, only one repartee possible, and the difficulty is to see this quickly, and to use it. For instance, what would be the proper repartee in such a case as this ? Foote, the actor, was elected to one of the most fashionable West-end clubs. On his first visit to the place he knew no one, and wandered about alone, and perhaps a little embarrassed in manner. One of the members, thinking to open conversation with him and to set him at his ease, addressed him. "Mr. Foote," he said, "your handkerchief is hanging out of your pocket." Foote replaced it at once, saying sweetly, "I thank your Lordship. You know the company at this club better than I do." Pray, what should be the repartee to this ?

I should advise everybody who wants to know what smallpox means, and what may be meant before long by the most wonderful piece of legislation known in this century, to read Rider Haggard's new book, "Dr. Therne." It is a book full of life and reality, written in the vivid style of a novelist whose most conspicuous quality is the reality, to his own mind, of his own imaginings. I will add to his forcible presentation one extract from a communication made to me by an old man of eighty odd. He says, "In the days of my boyhood, every tenth person one met was disfigured with smallpox ; some awfully so." We shall soon have a chance ourselves probably of a similar decoration to our faces. But is it not absurd, in the very teeth of indisputable facts like this, to doubt the inestimable value of vaccination ? And is it not absurd that an ignorant person like myself should be talking of such a subject ? But I lay all the blame on Rider Haggard's story.

When one begins upon the process—the long and painful process—of restoring the Past, he finds that there is no end to the work. He gets a whole street, an interior, a family ; their meals, their work, their wardrobe ; he thinks that he has got all, and prides himself on his own thoroughness and, of course, his cleverness. Now, I have spent a good deal of time not unprofitably, over the town as it was in the time of Queen Elizabeth ; it is a subject for which there is an enormous mass of material, yet one never gets to the end of it. For instance, there is one detail connected with daily life in the street which I only found out the other day. You know, of course, that the streets were filled with itinerant merchants ; the cries of London meant that there were no shops for the sale of the smaller things ; the street was the open market. Among the crowd who daily filled up and down brawling and offering their wares were the jugglers. They went about in small companies ; the baser sort performed in the open streets as the tumblers and dancers on stilts do to this day. To attract attention they wore cloaks of parti-colour, with yellow hose. I have was no need to cry aloud that they were jugglers—they wore the uniform. Music they had with them, of course. What show would be complete in that century without music ? But the better kind would not play in the open streets ; they waited to be invited within doors ; they performed for the company. And, like the bands of music, I think they learned from the cooks where a wedding feast was forward, where a christening, and where a gathering, and went there, after the procession of cooks, to offer their entertainment. Does not this little discovery add something more of life to the Elizabethan street ?

There has been of late, not only in these columns, but elsewhere, a good deal of discussion, with many wild opinions, as to the real buyers of books. My own contention was that, though a man with a small income—say of £200 a year—might buy books occasionally, each book representing some little self-sacrifice, yet he can not become a book buyer, *i.e.*, one who buys books habitually. I also pointed out that there were not more than 400,000 persons in this country with an income of £250 and over. I have now got a very unexpected confirmation of these views. A paper by Sir Robert Giffen, dated 1884, is before me. That great statistician shows, by a table, that the number of persons in 1880 who were receiving, in England, incomes of £150—not £250—and over, was only 320,162 I do not suppose that the increase in the national wealth has been so great as to raise these figures up to mine, and I must therefore acknowledge some unintentional exaggeration. But the reduction makes my case only the stronger.

I have now, however, another theory to put forward as to the buyers of books. Someone suggests that authors are book buyers, in which case literature must be a profession like unto that of the honest islanders who eked out a precarious existence by taking in each other's washing.

and Sons). It is brought up to the present requirements by the addition of terms now in standard use. Pupils should find no difficulty in utilising the appendix, where they will find English suffixes, and their significations as well as material for the definition of certain abstract and composite terms, not dealt with in the main part of the book. It is an excellent dictionary in every way, and if the type were a little larger—it is beautifully clear and sharp—it would be a perfect book for school boys and girls. The need for a small dictionary is, we fear, overwhelming, and restricts the compilers to small type.

THE SECOND EDITION of the ART of KNITTING by Rukminibai Sangziri (Bombay: Nirnaya-Sagar Press) has appeared in a revised and enlarged form. It is published in two parts and written in the Marathi language; forty-eight illustrations make the directions to the knitter plain and easy, and should help in giving school-girls and others an additional agreeable and useful occupation for their leisure hours. The art of knitting is comparatively unknown in India, probably because the articles most usually made by that process are not in general use. It does not follow that this accomplishment will not prove to be a useful addition to a woman's equipment when well-studied and well-taught, as this clever little handbook can help to do.

MESSRS. BLACKIE and SON (50, OLD BAILEY, London) have published a new and handy edition of Charles and Mary Lamb's TALES FROM SHAKESPEARE, with an introduction and notes by David Frew, B. A. A brief sketch of the life of the Lambs precedes the tales, and the notes are simply clear and short explanations of words and allusions likely to puzzle young pupils with a brief account of the sources from whihh each of the plays are drawn.

THE GOKULDAS TEJPAL CHARITIES

SCHOOLS.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

LAST evening his Excellency Lord Sandhurst distributed prizes to the successful students of the Gokuldas Tejpal Charities Schools, at Gowalia Tank Road, before a large and representative gathering of the Native Community

Mr. Goverdhandas Gokuldas Tejpal in opening the proceedings thanked his Excellency for consenting to take part in the evening's function. This was the second time he said that his Excellency presided at their prize-distributions, which he (the speaker) took as a special compliment to the institutions maintained out of the princely charities of his late revered father. Seth Gokuldas Tejpal. To his Excellency's presence they attached a special significance, Eminently successful as his Excellency's administration had been under very trying circumstances, the one remarkable feature, which was appreciated by them all was the invariable and untiring personal interest he took in the cause of education and in the mental and moral elevation of the people at large of the masses no less than the classes. The Gokuldas Tejpal Charities were organized and worked on admirably broad minded and altruistic basis. They had observed a due sense of proportion bewteen highs and lower education. In Bom bay and in Cutc they maintained7 primary Schools, for boys and girl 5 Anglo-Vernacular schools, one Sanscrit College and one High School. They had purkosely kept the fees low enough to be within the reach of the poor They gave to the boys a number of scholarships and admitted free of charge 25 per cenn of the tota, number on the rolls. Higher up on the ladder came firstly, their Boarding-School, where selected boys were provided with free board and lodging, and every requirement of life and study till they graduated, and secondly their Law and Medical Funds, which enabled even poor students to become barristers, solicitors, and doctors of medicine. They thus provided most extensively for the masses and materially helped poor but promising youths to win the highest educational honours any one can command, With the aid of this fund a young Bhatia had proceeded to England to qualify himself for the bar, who will be the first Bhatia barrister at law, Mr. Goverdhandas then referred to the difficulties they went through on account of plague during the last two years and a half and gave some interesting particulars about the working of the different institutions under the supervision of the managing Committee. In connection he referred to the loss the Committee had sustained by the death of two of its esteemed members Messrs. Karsondas Vallubdas and Javerilal U. Yajnik.

Mr. J. M. Gandhy, Secretary, then read the report of the four schools in connection with which the prizes were to be distributed. They were the High School and the Anglo Vernacular School of Agiary Lane, the Seminary in Mandvi, and the Sanskrit College, in Gowalia Tank. At present receiving instruction in them, but the number had been close upon a thousand in 1895, the reduction being due to the plague epidemic. The High School sent up 19 boys at the last Matriculation examination, out of whom 14 came out successful. The students of the different Institutions were examined by several gentlemen, who expressed their satisfaction at the good work done both by teachers and students. The total funds of the charities had now accumulated to Rs. 15,21,500, the whole of which amount, excepting a sum of Rs. 2,900, was invested in 3½ per cent, Government Securities.

The students then went through a programme of English and Gujrati songs, recitations, and native gymnastics, which afforded great amusement to those present.

His Excellency next presented prizes to the successful students, at the conclusion of which function

The Honourable Mr. Justice Ranade in proposing a vote of thanks to His Excellency for being present and distributing the prizes on the occasion said that they had already trenched too much upon the time and patience of his Excellency the Governor, and he did not, therefore think it proper to make a further demand on his generous indulgence by asking him to address the meeting. On behalf of the Managing Committee of the Charities and on behalf of those assembled there he proposed a cordial vote of thanks to his Excellency for his kind presence and for the interest he took in the work of Gokuldas Charities. (Applause.)

H. E. the Governor who was received with cheers said: Mr. Justice Ranade and Gentlemen,—I am very grateful to you, Mr. Ranade for the terms in which you have proposed this vote of thanks, but I do not find that I am entitled to any thanks whatever. I have passed a pleasant hour, at the conclusion of a very busy day, and I have had nothing to do, but to sit still and enjoy myself. I remember very well coming here in the year 1895, because it was really the first native institution that I visited after my arrival as Governor. I dwelt then upon the brightness of the scene and the intelligence of the children who gave a similar performance at that time. The scene to-day is no less bright, and the intelligence of the children is as great as on the former occasion. In your report you mention the fact that your numbers have diminished because of the troubles of the plague. In the happy days of 1895 your numbers were about a thousand in the schools, we knew not the plague, but, I have little doubt that your numbers will increase as the plague diminishes. It gave me great pleasure to present to Mr. Modiram Vikandas, a faithful old officer of there Charities, with a shawl. Forty-two years is a galiant and faithful service and in the years that are to come let him carry away from this meeting to-day, our very best wishes. (Applause.) I congratulate the Bhatia Community upon these splendid charities worth more than fifteen lakhs of rupees, and my congratulations extend also to the staff who have carried on their work so well, notwithstanding the many difficulties of the past two years. The report reminds me that the thanks of the friends, relations of the children, and ourselves are particularly due to Mr. Padhye, the Headmaster of the School. (Applause.) As Mr. Justice Ranade has reminded you it is gettingclate, and it has already got very hot, and I should consult your convenience and mine by drawing my remarks to a close, and conclude by saying that it has given me great pleasure to come amongst you. I trust that your numbers will rapidly increase, and the future of the charities may be as successful and good as it has been in the past. (Cheers.)

The proceedings then terminated.

ONE result of the prolonged and successful agitation of the Army Doctors is that other officers of both services are preparing to follow the example thus set. The Naval Engineers are first in the field with a long statement of grievances in which their pay, their socia station, and the supposed slights put upon them by the executive officers are all mentioned. As in the case of the Doctors there is but one royal road to redress, in the opinion of the agitators,—the grant of combatant titles. A range of titles is proposed from "sublieutenant R.N.E." who is to-day known as an Assistant Engineer, to Rear Admiral, Royal Naval Engineers," corresponding with a Chief Inspector of Machinery. A great point in the Army Doctors' agitation was that as they accompanied troops on service and shared all the dangers incidental thereto, and were also called upon to exercise command over their men and see that discipiin was observed, therefore they were entitled to combatant commissio.s. The naval engineers reproduce all these,arguments,and with even greater reason on their side. Nowadays the best part of the ship's company is under the Chief Engineer. As for danger the Naval Engineers have more than their share of it. In action their position below is such that in the event of a shell penetrating the ship's vitals their lives would not be worth five minutes' purchase. Moreover the responsibility which lies on them at all times, peace or war, would be difficult to exaggerate. Nevertheless the claims now put froward do not meet with any great support even in their own ranks. The professional papers for the most part ridicule the claims for combatatant rank. Says the "Engineer:"—"There may be some to whom these borrowed feathers may seem admirable, but such persons must be logical enough to drop all talk about the dignity of their profession. It is impossible to conceive of a greater mistake; it vois nearly as impossible to conceive how it could bean made." Yet if anything was certain it was that the successful issue of the Army Medical agitation positively invited imitation. Army Veterinary officers may now well complain of their clumsy tits. We were told that army doctors had won the Victoria Cross, therefore they should all have military titles. "Well," Parson'Adams" also won that coveted distinction, so why not give the army Chaplains rank too? The difficulty, in fact, now is having made the start, where to draw the line. In the navy, at any rate, chaplains, paymasters, doctors, and engineers all stand an equal chance with the executive officers ptoper of being blown out of the water by a cropedo, riddled by a Maxim gun, or drowned like rats in a trap through the medium of an enemy's ram. The only logical way out of the difficulty would seem to be to give everybody combatant rank and then these ceaseless agitations would be laid bace for all.

HYDERABAD NOTES.

PLAGUE PRECAUTIONS.

THE NIZAM'S MINT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

HYDERABAD, JAN. 3.

ALTHOUGH the plague in the Districts is still bad as ever,it appears to be reluctant to extend its operations towards Hyderabad, and for such a consummation Hyderabad is inexpressely grateful, for the incursion of the dreaded fiend into the capital would involve endless upheavals among the populace. The plague authorities have done, and are still doing, all that is possible to wrestle with the enemy in the remote villages of these Dominions and to give it the quietus before it can attempt to creep up to Hyderabad proper. A sensible notification has been issued in time by the Home Secretary which every body in the place would do well to learn by heart With a view to protecting the City of Hyderabad and its suburbs against the ingress of plague, detention camps have been established by the Nizam's Government at Gubburga, Raichore, Wadi, Luigumpech, Khainamett and Bhongir. The three latter places are stations on the Nizam's Railway. This has been done for the examination, and, if necessary, detention of passengers coming into Hyderabad from Plagu infested areas. The detention that is imposed at Gulbuyah and Raichore is meant for passangers who alight at those stations to either reside there or intend to proceed into the interior of the Nizam's dominions, and who may be suspected of carrying infection with them. They may be detained for ten days or for such time as the plague authorities may consider necessary for the purposes of disinfection. Passengers who provide themselves with a certificate from the plague officer, at Wadi, Lingumpilli Khamamett or Bhongir will not be interfered with on arrival at Hyderad, but all those who have not undergone detention at any station will be under kept observation at their own place of residence for ten days after their arrival in Hyderabad. Any person who produces a certificate of having been inoculated with Haffkine's fluid will, unless he is actually suffering from plague be exempt from detention, The notification in question enjoins that the greatest care be taken that all persons employed on plague duty sympathise with the people and not deal harshly, cruelly or dishonestly, with them,nor should certificates be granted carelessly. Should the plague unfortunately break out in the city, the whole area will be divided into fourteen circles, and in every circle one police inspector and one medical officer will be appointed.

THE official review on the annual report on the working of the Nizam's mint is an interesting document, During the past year 5 lakhs of Halli Sicca rupees were melted down and recoined, as in the previous year, the loss in weight and melting amounted to Rs. 2,097 as against Rs. 3,291 or a decrease of Rs. 1,194. The coins were prepared under the supervision of Mr. English, whose services were borrowed from the Bombay mint and the diminution in the loss in melting may be ascribed to the result of his supervision. No dubs were coined during the year under review. It has been observed that the manufacture of dubs would have resulted in a considerable profit to Government. The statement does not appear to be incorrect, but weighing the matter carefully, it is impossible for the Government to form a definite opinion easily on questions of such momentous importance as currency, particularly when it is remembered that the market is glutted with dubs to such an extent that the contraction of the copper coinage for a large number of years has not had the effect of raising their market value to any appreciably extent. Government is willing to consider any scheme in regard to the manufacture of new copper coins, Gold mohurs and 1-8thmohurs show a decrease of 1903 and 26 respectively whereas 1-2 mohurs, 1-4 mohurs and 1-16 mohurs increased by 103,130 and 121 respectively. These fluctuations are beyond comment as the gold coin is legal tender, and gold mohurs are prepared only at the request of the public.

After two years, the Hyderabad Race Club has started up, and which the steerage of Major Pereg Gough will hold two days racing on the Mulluskpett race course on the 7th and 9th instant. The meeting will be purely a local one, but the entrances and the class of cattle engaged are sufficient to pronounce its importance. Several horses and ponies recently imported from Australia, will make their maiden effort on the Indian turf during the two days' meeting at Hyderabad. They have come with flattering records of their performances on the other side of the "drink," and their movements will doubtless be watched with interest throughout India, there is Urangeline by Falcon, a bay Australian gelding, the property of Captain Vans Agnew who, if he beats the celebrated Captain Cook in the five furlong sprint for the Fershars Purse will want careful watching in other parts of India. In the same event two other "imported" are entered. One is Bright Light by Anchendarroch, out of Azzema, a bay Australian mare, The pony races have filled well, and in these again some unfamiliar blood is seen. Like everything under Major Gough's command, nothing but success awaits the Hyderabad meeting. There will also be two days' racing at moul Ali, where the Nizam has been staying for the past two months, and as this meeting is got up under the auspices of those keen sportsmen the officers of the 19th P. W. O. Hussars, the sport is bound to be first-rate. A firm of bookmakers has promised to turn up for both meetings.

Mr. J.D.B. Gribble and a few other philanthropists have also the gratitude of a multitude of children attending the different schools in the station for the thoroughly enjoyable treat they got up for the little ones at the Saik-ud-Domrah Theatre on Saturday afternoon. The marionettes were engaged to give a performance for the benefit of the schools on guarantee of a certain sum publicly subscribed. The, show, as usual, was splendid, but the children had something more material to appreciate and that was a sumptuous tea. At the end of the show, the Revd. F. Brady, mounted the staged and gave a speech enlogising Mr. Gribbles goodness' a testimony which the schools bore out with hearty cheering.

The case of Captain Arthur Armstrong, 3rd Madras Lancers, who was under arrest for more than two months, sending the decision of the Madras Commander-in-chief on certain military questions affecting the officer in question, has I a n gland to say, ended happily to Captain Armstrong and very satisfactorily to all. Captain Armstrong stood his temporary adversity manfully and we are all delighted to see his striking figure and ever-smiling countenance once again in the open.

YACHT RACING.

THE PROPOSED ALTERATIONS OF RULES

THE case of the famous Johann Ballhorn, who boasted that he would improve the schoolboy's primer, and did so by leaving out in his edition the harmless pictorial embellishment on the cover, is brought to mind by perusal of the draft of the proposed reconstruction of the Yacht Racing Association rules. A comparison with those at present in existence shows that the proposed alterations and amendments are infinitesimally trifling. The council, though undoubtedly moving in the right direction, cannot by any stretch of fancy be accused of displaying any indecent hurry.

The main alterations, in fact, consist, of a rearrangement of the various paragraphs in the rules and by extracting two from the general rules and embodying them among the sailing rules. One of these, which suggested the mention of the renowned scholastic reformer Balihorn, had much better be left to speak for itself.

The host of question which have been severely left alone proves that any revolutionary firebrand of the younger generation will speedilly become extinguished by the somewhat strained atmosphere which envelops the Y.R.A. The idea of appointing an official handicapper, or, at any rate, the recent agitation in favour of reform in this direction, is entirely ignored nother sore point, the question of qualification for membership, is not touched upon. Yet, with the increased powers conceded by the council to the general meeting, this surely, is of the first moment.

On the whole, the rules of the Yacht Racing Association are sound, the outcome of many years' practical experience. Necessarily there is a good deal of patchwork about the evolution of such regulations in a slowly developing sport. But now, since the Y. R. A. has come "of age" and a rearrangement of the existing rules is proposed, it would be well to do the work very thoroughly and methodically. Brevity and lucidity are essentials; both, in the case under discussion, chiefly remarkable for their absence.

The Deutscher Segler Verband has wider powers than the Y. R. A., which as the name implies, confines its attention to racing pure and simple. Nevertheless the German association, which based it racing rules on those of the Y. R. A., might well by taken as an example at the present juncture. The duties of yacht officials are clearly defined those of the man in charge of the anemometer being particularis minute.

THE RULES DEALING WITH MEASUREMENT,

and those framed for the guidance of committees are kept carefully apart from the sailing regulations proper, which considerably simplifies matters for all concerned. The sixty-six clauses of the Y. R. A., rules as drafted at present are jumbled together without any apparent scheme or sequence. The headings are cumbersome, and frequently quite inappropriate and misleading. As examples of vagueness, we may quote such headings as "Disqualification without Protest," "Awarding Prizes," which really deals with the far more important question of signing the declaration that the rules have been observed; "Every yacht to have a certificate,' whereas the certificate is granted to the owner; and several others. Clause 2, which states that "an owner shall not steer any other yacht than his own in a race wherein his own yacht or yachts competes,' seems, by inference, somewhat insulting and migh be omitted altogether.

The main features of interest in the alterations or additions are summarized below. The affairs of the association shall be managed by a president two vice presidents, and an honorary treasurer, to be elected annually by the association, and a council of twenty-four members. The president and vice-presidents and the honorary treasurer to be 'ex officio' members of the council. One-sixth of the council shall retire annually, shall be eligible for re-election. Vacancies on the council occurring between the annual meetings may be filled by the council.

The subjects of the election of council, nomination for the council, and non-attendances are embodied in a new paragraph (7), briefly thus:—The election of mem bers of the council and annual vacancies in the council shall be conducted by ballot papers to be sent to each member at least fourteenth days before the annual general meeting, when the members of the council thusselected shall be declared. Candidates to fill the annual vacancies shall be proposed and seconded on or before January 14 in each year by members of the association, and their names, together with their proposer and [seconder shall be stated in the balloting papers. A vice-president, the hon. treasurer, or any member of the council who has failed to attend a meeting of the council for a period of one year, reckoned from January 1 to December 31, shall cease to hold his office or to be a member of the council, and shall not be eligible to serve during the next year unless the council recommend his re-election, and in the case of a member of the council so recommended his name shall be inserted in the list of candidates and he shall be

BALLOTED FOR IN THE USUAL MANNER.

A paragraph dealing with the recognition of yacht clubs has for some mysterious reason, been relegated to the sailing rules. All the British yacht clubs holding Admiralty warrants are recognised, and such other clubs (including those of the British colonies) as might apply for recognition and be accepted by the council, shall also be recognized. Surely this clause was much more apropos in its former place among the or Duties of Council. The most important change proposed deals with new rules, amendments," and alterations, and the necessary notice. The council shall consider all proposed alterations or additions to the rules, and provided they are approved by a majority of two-third of the members of the council present at the meeting at which the same are considered, they shall be submitted for adoption to a general meeting, and shall be carried by a majority of twol thirds of those present at such general meetings Nevertheless, at the request of any ten members of the Association, the votes of all its members shall be taken by voting papers upon such proposed alterations or additions, which shall be carried by a majority of two-thirds of those voting. Any proposed alteration or addition not approved by a majority of two-thirds of the council shall, if so desired by the member proposing the same, be submitted to a general meeting, but it shall not be adopted unless carried by three-fourths of the members present at such general meeting, or of three-fourths of those voting, if any ten members request that the sense of all the members of the association be taken by voting papers. Notice of any alteration or addition to the rules, intended to be proposed by a member of the, association, shall be given to the secretary Inwriting at least one month before the general meeting at which the same is to be brought forward; and notice of any proposed alteration or addition to the rules intended to be proposed at the annual general meeting, must, on or before January 14 in each year, be sent in writing to the secretary, who shall in due course, end an agenda paper for the meeting to each member. Any member at a general meeting may move an amendment to any proposed alteration or additionto the rules, and such amendment, if not already constered by the Council, shall be carried by a majority of two thirds af those present at the meeting, subject to subsequent ratification by a majority of two-thirds of the council. Failing such ratification, the amendment shall be remitted to the decision of all the members of the association by voting papers, and carried by a majority of three-fourths of those voting.

SEQUEL TO LA BOURGOGNE COLLISION.

ACTION IN THE LAW COURTS.

IN the admiralty division, on the 12th ultimo, before Mr. Justice Barnes and Trinity Masters the case of Thomas Law and Co. v. La Compagnie Generale Transatlantique was heard. The action sought to recover damages in respect of injuries sustained by the Plaintiffs' sailing ship Cromartyshire, as the result of a collision on July 4 last, off Sable Island, Newfoundland, with Defendants' mail and passenger steamer La Bourgogne. The collision occurred during a fog, and the Defendants' steamer, which was bound from New York to Havre, was laden with a cargo of general goods. mails, and a large number of passengers and manned by a crew of 221 hands, sustained such severe damage on her starboard side that she shortly afterwards foundered, and her master, all her officers and engineers on duty, and most of her crew and passengers were drowned. The Cromartyshire, which was bound from Dunkirk to Philadelphia with a cargo of chalk, was so badly damaged that she became unmanageable, and was afterwards towed by the German liner Halifax.

The Plaintiffs alleged that La Bourgogne was proceeding to fast considering the fog, that she neglected too slacken her speed or to stop and reverse her engines, and improperly attempted to cross ahead of the Cromartyshire. The Defendants pleaded that the Cromartyshire was not furnished with an efficient foghorn to be sounded by mechanical means as required, that she failed to sound proper fog-signals at proper intervals, and improperly sounded one short blast when on the port tack. The defence further charged the Cromartyshire with not standing by La Bourgogne and rendering assistance, although the latter was in a state of distress.

Sir Robert Reid, Q.C., Mr Butler Aspinall, Q.C and Mr. A. E. Nelson appeared for the Plaintiff and Mr. L. E. Pyke, Q.C., Mr. Joseph Walton, Q.C. and Mr. Laing for the Defendants.

Mr. Hilmore Henderson, master of the Cromarty shire, having detailed in his examination in chief the circumstances leading up to the collision, was crossexamined at some length by Mr. Pyke upon the allegation that he did not send boats to the assistance of La Bourgogne. Witness stated that although La Bourgogne fired a gun and sent up rockets, he saw her going on her way, as he thought, and did not think she was sinking. If he had thought that she was in distress he would not have hesitated to have sent one of his boats to her assistance, keeping his other boat for his own aid. Even if his own ship had been in danger he would have sent a boat to the steamer if he had thought she was sinking. The weather was so foggy that he could scarcely see the length of his own vessel from the head. His vessel was not going four or five knots at the time of the collision. He was blowing the foghorn at less intervals than a minute; he was blowingit every few seconds. He did not intend the blasts to be more prolonged or slow as he intended them to be medium. The rule did not state what sort of blasts they were to be. The Judge.—He was

NOT BOUND TO USE A MECHANICAL FOGHORN.

Mr. Pyke.—Yes, my Lord. The rule says that the ship is to be provided with a mechanical foghorn.

The Judge.—But it does not state that he is bound to use it (laughter).

Mr. Pyke.—I should like your Lordship's decision on such a point (renewed laughter).

The Judge.—Whether it is so or not, it does not state that the blasts are to be prolonged blast.

Mr. Pyke.—Is is curious that the rule does not state what sort of a blast is to be given.

Witness, answering further questions, said he thought the man who was attending to the foghorn was evidently endeavouring to get a large volume of sound, and he (Witness) thought the man was turning the handle rather too long, thus rendering the blast a longer one than Witness desired.

Mr. Pyke.—All he has to do is to turn a handle?—Yes; and not letting it too long, so I ordered him to turn it differently.

Continuing, Witness said he brought a new foghorn at Halifax. The old one (produced) was partly broken in the collision, although in itself it was still as good for a fog as when he got a new one, because he knew at Halifax there was going to be litigation, and that his owners were suing the owners of the other ship for damages, and he knew that that foghorn would probably be asked for. Another thing was that it was partly damaged. The new foghorn was exactly like the old one although it came from Birmingham, whilst the old one came from Norway. He did not think the new one was better than the old one, even though it came from Birmingham (laughter). His wife was on board. She was the first to hear the steamer's siren, and she came on deck. He knew from the sound of the whistles that the other vessel was approaching his ship, but he had no idea that she was coming on his bows. He knew she was getting narrower, but he

TOOK IT FOR GRANTED SHE WOULD KEEP OUT OF HIS WAY.

Mr. Pyke.—You must have known if she was approaching and getting narrower, that she was coming in a position to cross your bows?—Well, I did.

And in these circumstances, did you not consider it a prudent thing to check your speed?—No, sir; Article 21 says we must keep that.

Re-examined by Sir Robert Reid.—Under the circumstances we did not think it safe to take off any sail so as to reduce the speed, as, if he had done so, the speed would have been too slow for the vessel to keep steerage way. He knew the rule of the foghorn, and it was subsequently sent on to the solicitors, as he thought it might be wanted. It was tested by Wreck Commissioners at the Wreck Inquiry.

Mr. Justice Barnes.—The Elder Brethren would like to hear the foghorn (laughter).

Witness.—I can sound it.

Witness stepped down from the box, and, turning the handle of the foghorn, produced a couple of blasts.

James Kelman, chief officer of the Cromartyshire, said his attention was first called to the whistles of the steamer by his captain. Witness had not heard La Bourgogne's whistle at that time, but he heard it the next time it was blown. Is sounded on the port side to windward. The captain thought the Cromartyshire's foghorn was being sounded too fast, and ordered Witness to correct the man on the look out who was blowing it. Witness did so, and remained on the forecastle head until the collision. He saw the water at La Bourgogne's bows before he saw the hull of the vessel. She was coming very fast about 15 or 16 knots. He knew as well as if the Cromartyshire's bows. He jumped from the deck just as it broke from under him. He heard no signal from La Bourgogne until nearly half an hour after the collision, and he and the master both thought she was looking for their vessel. They

DID NOT THINK SHE WAS IN DANGER.

They fired rockets and guns, and when the fog cleared they saw some boats. Some of the Cromartyshire's crew went away in one of the La Bourgogne's boats to render assistance to those on the rafts and wreckage.

M. Paul Simon, marine superintendent to the Defendant Company, who was the first witness called for the defence, detailed the horse power, tonnage, capacity, &c., of La Bourgogne. He said her full speed in ordinary weather would be about 17 knots. All the crew were Europeans; all the sailors, and firemen were Frenchmen, and there were one or two stewards who were Englishmen. The boats were all in perfect condition. He had examined them himself at Havre before she left, and he also had a boat drill. He knew Captain Deloncle, master of La Bourgogne, who had been a commandant in the French navy and held a merchant masters certificate. He was one of the best officers in the navy and in the Transatlantic Company, and was a prudent skilful, and competent officer. The other officers were all competent men.

Cross-examined by Sir R. Reid.—There were 12 boats—ten lifeboats and two whale boats.

How many persons could have got into those boats?—About 800 in all.

Louis Le Corre said he was attending to the fog siren on La Bourgogne, and he blew it at regular intervals. The first he heard of the Cromartyshire was one blast from her foghorn. He heard no more blasts until the vessel came in sight. He

DID NOT KNOW THE SPEED HIS OWN VESSEL WAS GOING,

nor that of the Cromartyshire, but the latter appeared to be coming on very fast. Three of the boats on the starboard side were damaged in the collision, and owing to the vessel's list it was impossible to get some of the port boats out. When the fog cleared, Witness, who was in the whale-boat, saw the Cromartyshire about 400 miles away.

Cross-examined by Mr. Aspinall.—He remembered having a conversation with the captain of the Cromartyshire when they got up to her, but he did not recollect saying to him that La Bourgogne was going full speed as the time of the collision. He did not speak to him about the speed at all.

Edward Laisne, fourth engineer, said that steps were taken to reduce the speed when the fog came on. He was not on watch when the collision occurred; the third engineer, who was drowned, being then in charge.

Mr. Aspinall then proceeded to address the Court on behalf of the Plaintiff, submitting that the evidence clearly established that this collision was caused by the reckless navigation of La Bourgogne.

Mr. Pyke argued that the Cromartyshire was to blame for going at an immoderate speed in foggy weather, and also in not deadening her way in proper time when she heard the siren of La Bourgogne.

The Judge said that all a sailing ship was bound to do in a fog was to reduce her speed to as little as was possible to enable her to answer her helm.

Mr. Pyke further submitted that the Cromartyshire did not sound her foghorn properly.

The further hearing was adjourned.

THE STARRY REALMS.

POINTS ON CELESTIAL TELEGRAPHY.

THE DEMON STAR, ALGOL.

HIS APPARENT RUDENESS EXPLAINED.

SIR ROBERT Ball brought to a close at the Royal Institution, the other afternoon, his Christmas Course of Lectures on Astronomy. The theatre was even more crowded than on the other days, and the lecture excelled, if possible, those that had gone before in interest, Sir Robert Ball commenced by saying that he intended to redeem the promise made in his first lecture to tell his audience how it was that the sun was kept hot. The prodigality with which the sun's heat was dispensed was tremendous, and of this enormous amount the earth received but very little. Supposing that a man had a fortune of ten million pounds, and spent only one penny of this sum in a usual manner, this would give some idea of the wasteful expenditure of the sun—at least, as far as the earth was concerned. How, now, was the heat of the sun kept up? We all knew that the fire went out unless coal was put on it; what was it, then, that enabled the sun to go on dispensing its heat in this reckless fashion? Sir Robert referred to the well-known fact that all bodies expanded by heat and contracted by cold; and this reminded him of a story about an undergraduate who, on being asked for an instance of this fact, mentioned the length of the days in summer. Well, the sun was shrinking, owing to its loss of heat, and was getting nine inches smaller every day. The sun was nine inches smaller to-day than it was yesterday, and it would be again nine inches smaller to-morrow than it was to-day. But it must not be supposed that the sun could be seen by the naked eye getting gradually less and less. So great a globe was it that these shrinkings made little difference in its size to mortal eyes. In a week, for instance, the sun would shrink 63 inches, or say five feet, in a year 250 feet; in 20 years a mile, and in 20,000 years it would have shrunk 1,000 miles. That was to say 20,000 years ago the sun was 1,000 miles wider than it was now, and 20,000 years hence it would be 1,000 miles smaller than it was now. Sir Robers Ball humourously remarked that he was very fond of prophesying in his lectures, but was always

CAREFUL NEVER TO FORETELL EVENTS EARLIER THAN 20,000 YEARSPRENCE,

he added that he had never been found out yet! The sun's width was 860,000 miles, and though it shrank 1,000 miles in the space of 20,000 years this would only make it 859,000 miles, and even the best instruments would hardly make this difference visible. Turning from a consideration of such a vast object as the sun, the lecturer asked his audience to imagine such tiny things as molecules or atoms of matter. Steam was composed of myriads of little objects, and these, when admitted into the cylinder of a steam-engine, were all in a state of mad dance, darting about and aiming blows on the bottom of the piston-rod, the faster they moved the greater was the heat developed. Around the surface of the sun there existed many varieties of steam the particles of which were in a state of mad dance. Everything on the sun had twenty-six times as much weight as on the earth. It was a difficult matter for most of us on this planet to get up in the morning, but if we lived on the sun we should not be able to get up at all. This was due to the sun's great attractive power. Loss of heat tended to abate the speed of the solar atoms, but speed was gained by their being attracted and falling inwards, and thus their power of radiating heat was kept up. There was no need to get alarmed about the failure of the sun heat, and we might comfort ourselves by knowing that as long as man existed summer and winter, seed time, and harvest would never fail. Sir Robert Ball now invited his audience to come with him on an imaginary visit to an observatory, and proceeded to show some pictures on the screen of what they would see through a telescope. Across the end of this instrument was stretched five fibers taken from a spider's web. These were used for taking a transit. To give some idea of the enormous number of stars in the sky a slide was first shown which represented the stars that could be seen by the naked eye

then those that would be visibe with a small telescope and then those that could be seen with a telescope of considerable power; in the last case, however, but a very small portion of the heavens was seen, and the slide gave no idea of

THE INCREDIBLE MYRIADS OF STARS SOWN OVER THE SKY.

The subject of astronomical photography was now dealt with. The photographic eye was in many ways superior to the human eye in observing the skies, for it always set down exactly what was to be seen, and saw things that the unaided human eye could never hope to see. By means of pictures on the screen the audience were enabled to look into an observatory where the astronomer was photographing the stars. Every precaution, had to be taken to prevent light other than that coming from the stars from affecting the plate, and an instance was quoted of a plate that was spoilt owing to a carriage driving up to the observatory; a flash from the carriage lamp being sufficient to spoil the photograph. The great reflector of Dr. Isaac Roberts, as used in his Crowborough observatory, was shown on the screen. At one end of one of the tubes of this twin telescope was a mirror, and at the other a photographic plate and when the star was thus reflected back upon the plate. As to the advantages of reflecting and refracting telescopes, Sir Robert Ball said that he thought there were half-a-dozen arguments in favour of the one and six in favour of the other.

One of the celestial photographs now put up was divided into squares. It might be said that there were 20 stars in each square, and as there were 180 squares; the total number of stars visible on the plate would be 3,000. It should be remember, however, that only the bright stars were taken into account, there were a great many more which would only yield pictures of themselves if the plate were exposed for four or five hours to the sky. The plate alone only represented a small part of the sky and 10,000 such plates would be needed for the photography of the whole heavens. This would give 30,000,000 stars as visible on the photographic plates. This was a very modest estimate, for there were myriads of stars which were so far distant that no record of them could be obtained. A photograph of the milky way, taken by Professor Barnard, was shown. This familiar and beautiful celestial object was composed of

NUMBERLESS STARS PACKED TOGETHER,

All the stars were suns, and many were greater and grander than our sun, only they were so far off that this did not appear to be the case. Sir Rober Ball showed a photograph of an electric discharge taken with the shortest exposure on record, namely, the one ten-millionth part of a second. He next showed one of the great Nebecula, that beautiful star cluster in the southen hemisphere. This was take, by Dr. Russell, of the Sydney Observatory, in seven hours, the longest exposure on record. After showing some more photographs of some of the great sights in the starry realms, the lecturer went on to speak of the distances of the stars. It might be said that with a perfect conductor a message was sent along the electric wire would go seven times round the earth in a second. Supposing that there were wires from the earth to the sun, from the earth to the moon, and from the earth to the stars a message travelling at the rate would take a second to get to the moon, eight minutes to get to the sun. Were there no delay in the Solar Post Office we might get a reply from the sun in twenty minutes. But it would take three years for a message at exactly the same rate to reach the nearest star. There were stars so far distant that if the news of the Battle of Waterloo had been flashed to them they could not yet have received it, and there were others more distant still, which would not yet have received news of the Battle of Hastings, even at the rate above mentioned. "Among the photographs you have seen," said Sir Rooert, "there are stars so far distant from this earth that if the glad tidings of that first Christmas eighteen hundred years ago had been despatched then by an electric current which could speed seven times round our globe between every two ticks of the clock they would not yet have received them."

THE WONDERS OF PHOTOGRAPHY.

To illustrate the fact that photographs see not as we see, and can introduce us to stars with which we should otherwise be unacquainted, the lecturer mentioned the case of a young lady who went to have her likeness taken. When the plate was developed, some spots were seen on her countenance, and this puzzled the photographer, for he had not noticed these blemishes himself. The next day the young lady was seized with an attack of measles, and the photographic eye had actually been to see the able measles coming on. A few photographs of star spectra were shown, and the lecturer then went on to deal with double stars, whose complex movements were a source of great trouble to mathematicians, for some stars were actually be attracted by others which were not visible. In conclusion, Sir Robert Ball told the story of Algol, the demon star, as the old Arabian astronomers called him, because he winked at them. Algol behaved in a most ill-bred manner. He would advance, wink, and then retire. For years his motion and behaviour puzzled astronomers, until at last the mystery was solved by Professor Vogel, who showed that Algol had associated with him a dark star, which was invisible, and that the latter sometimes obscured the former. Algol and his invisible playmate revolved round each other, and this accounted for the fact that Algol seemed to us to wink.

It has been stated that there is some slight irritation in the Riviera between the French and their English and American visitors—in fact that little "Jacques Bonhomme" has for the time being forgotten his habitual courtesy. One who has an experience and a wide knowledge of what goes on behind the scenes, and especially of that greater population of the Riviera—the hotel community—assures us that this little vein of disagreeableness, made known to the world chiefly by anonymous correspondents, does not really exist; and that English visitors in the habit of going to Cannes and Monte Carlo at this season may do so with assured certainty that they will not be exposed to risks different from those which they have to face at home. And, further, that the general condition of these places this year, from the health point of view, is better than ever. In fact, the great hotels belonging to the English—or shall we say British?—syndicates, such as those with which the Gordons, &c., are connected, have during the recess been overhauled by leading sanitary authorities, and put in what the medical authorities describe as "perfect health order." The mild winter, too, has had a beneficial effect. At this moment we are told that the visitor, from his surroundings, is led to remark that "spring is already here."

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The German Emperor seems to understand the servant-girl question. Every domestic keeps a little blank book, and once a week the mistress is obliged to paste therein a stamp of a small denomination purchased of the Government. Should the girl fall ill the stamps are redeemed, and she is thus provided with a little sick fund. When old age overtakes her, the Government pays the face value of the uncancelled stamps. This little scheme was adopted by direction of the Emperor about two years ago.

It is claimed that women in England and America are growing taller than their mothers. The physical development exercises which girls go in for so much nowadays are bound to produce these results. A physician who was addressing a woman's club the other day declared unequivocally that "girls are taller, stronger, and better than they were 25 years ago." He is reported to have said, with a quizzical smile, "that his

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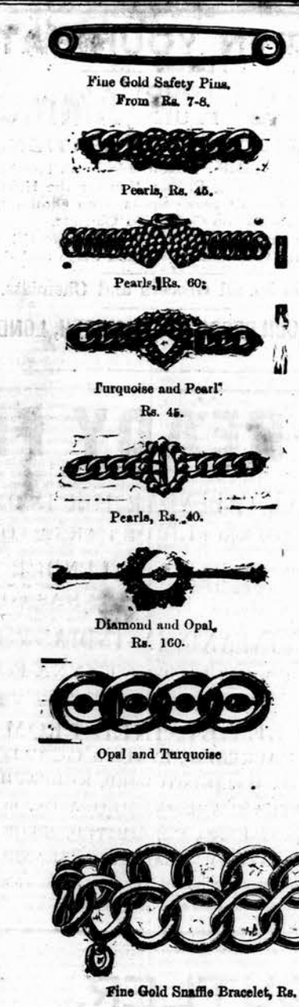

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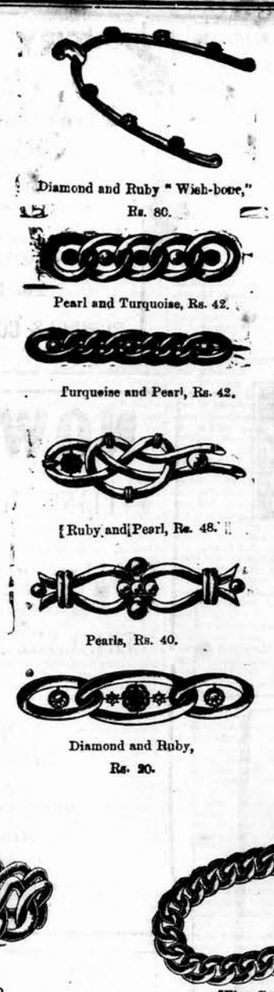

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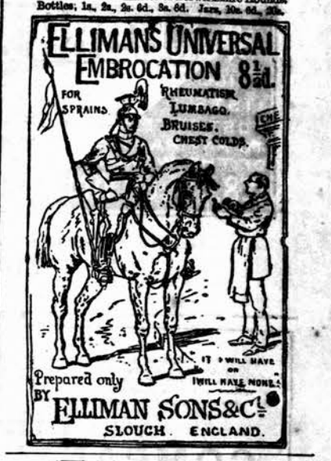
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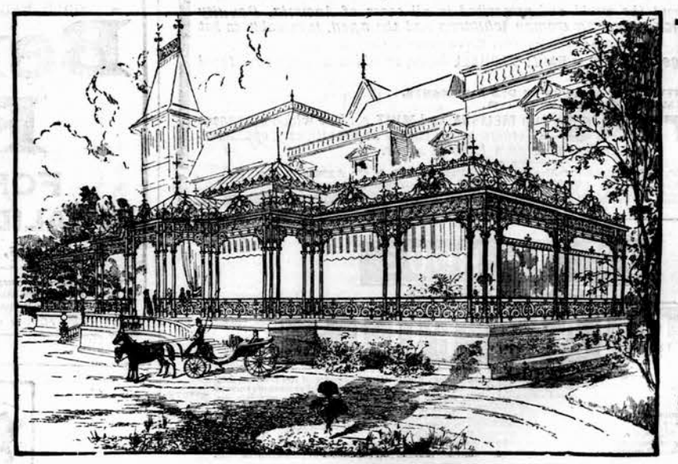
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